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It was a continent as yet unnamed.
Countless fearless fighters sought to dominate the land, their battlefields stretching even to the ends of the earth.

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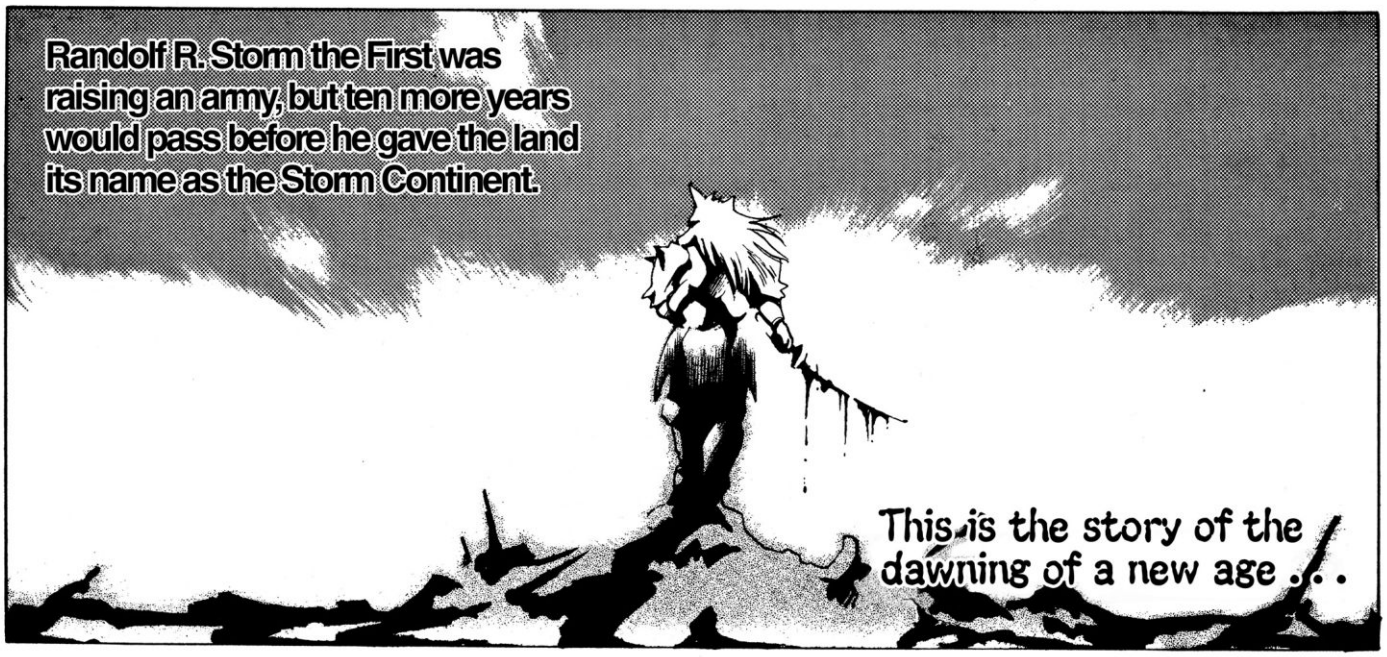
Randolf R. Storm the First was raising an army, but ten more years would pass before he gave the land its name as the Storm Continent.
This is the story of the dawning of a new age . . .

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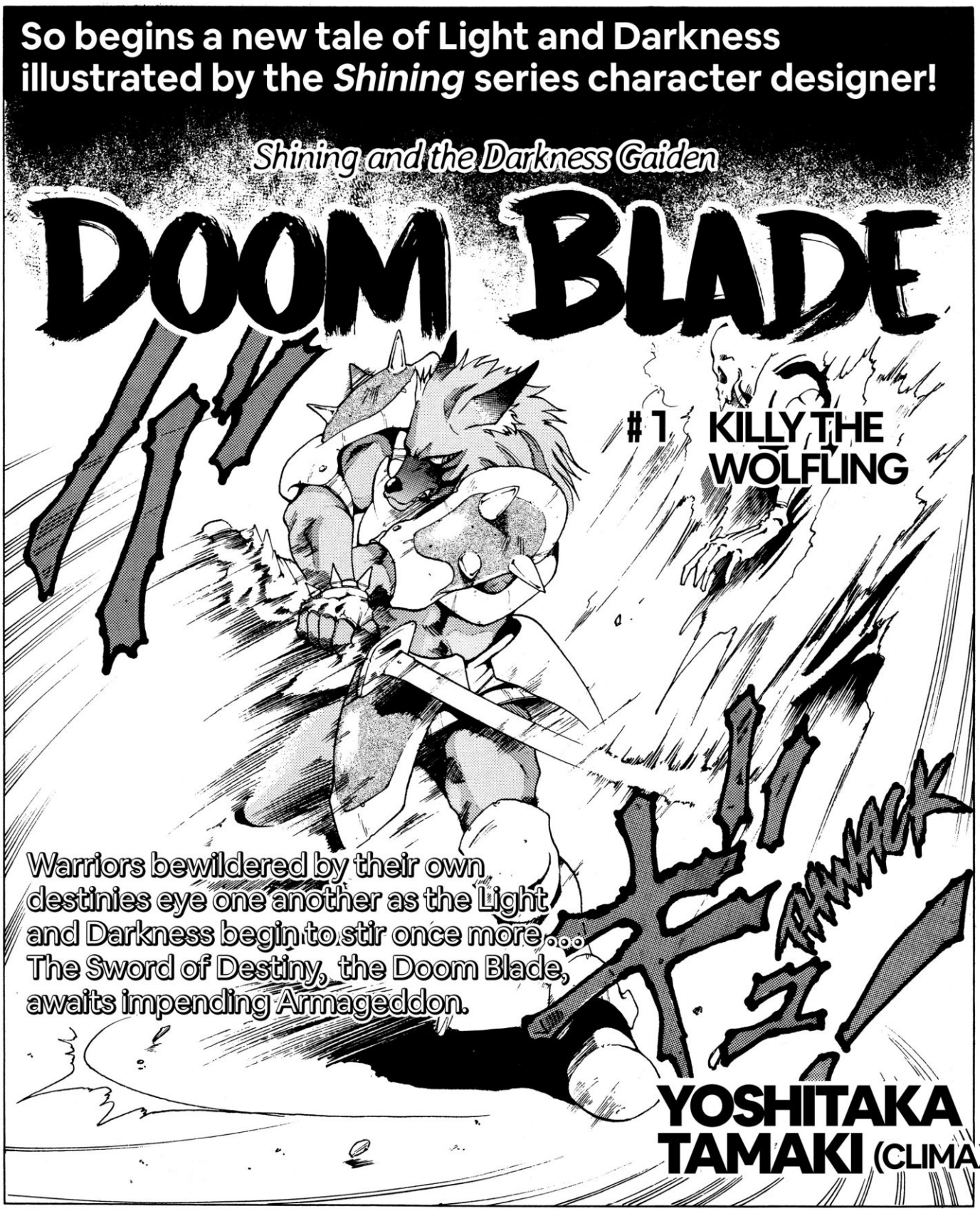
So begins a new tale of Light and Darkness illustrated by the *Shining* series character designer!
Shining and the Darkness Gaiden
DOOM BLADE
#1 KILLY THE WOLFLING
Warriors bewildered by their own destinies eye one another as the Light and Darkness begin to stir once more... The Sword of Destiny, the Doom Blade, awaits impending Armageddon.
SHWACK
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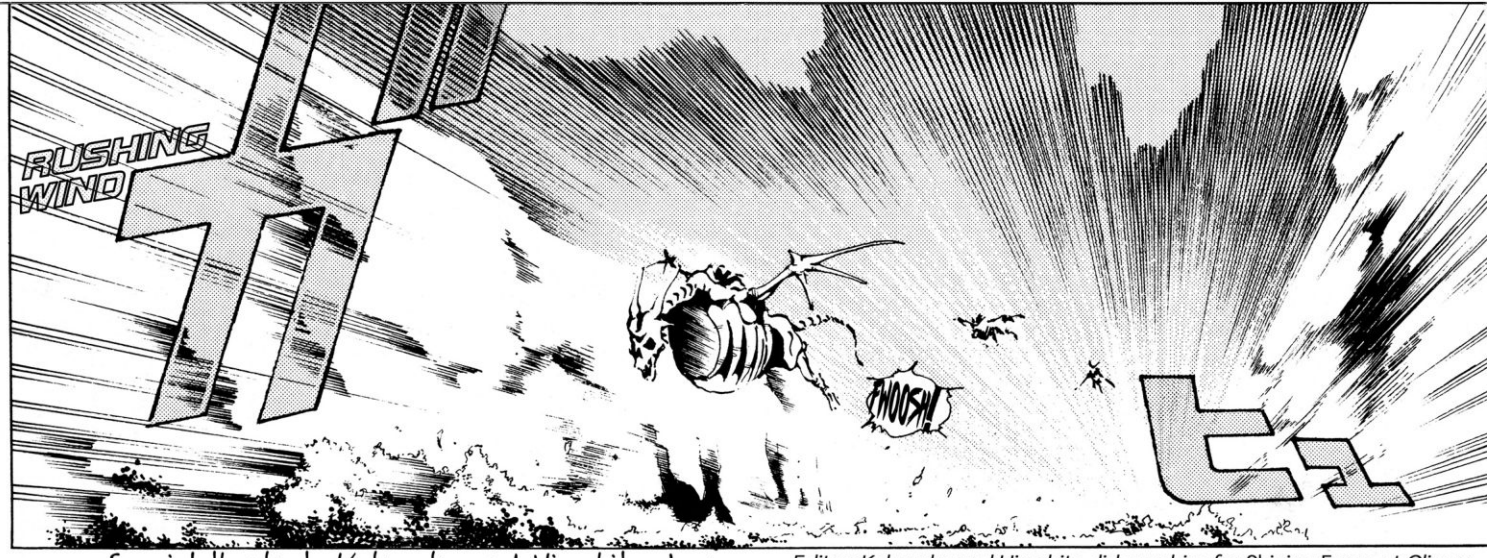

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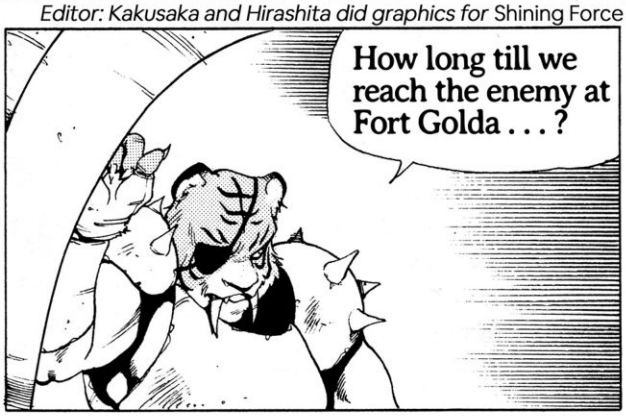
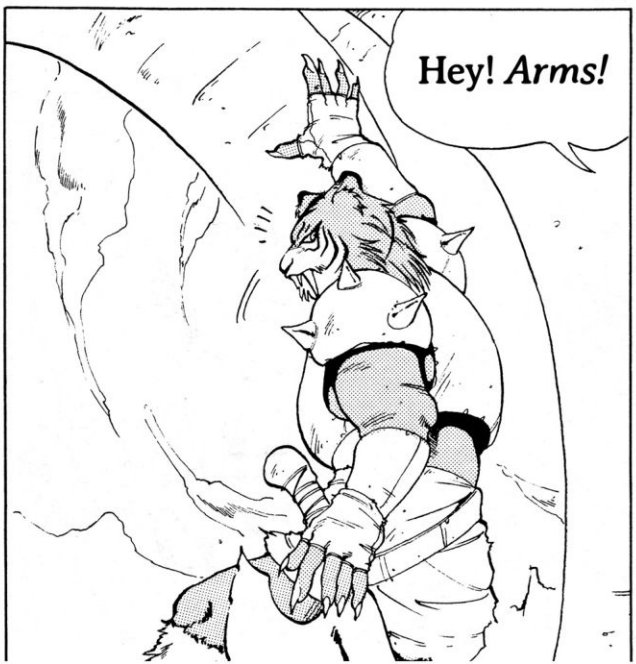
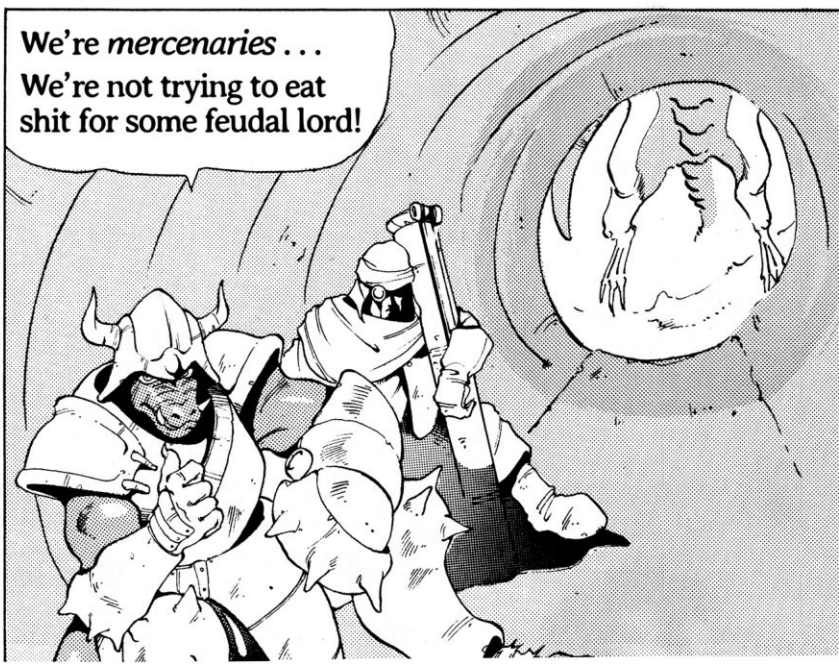
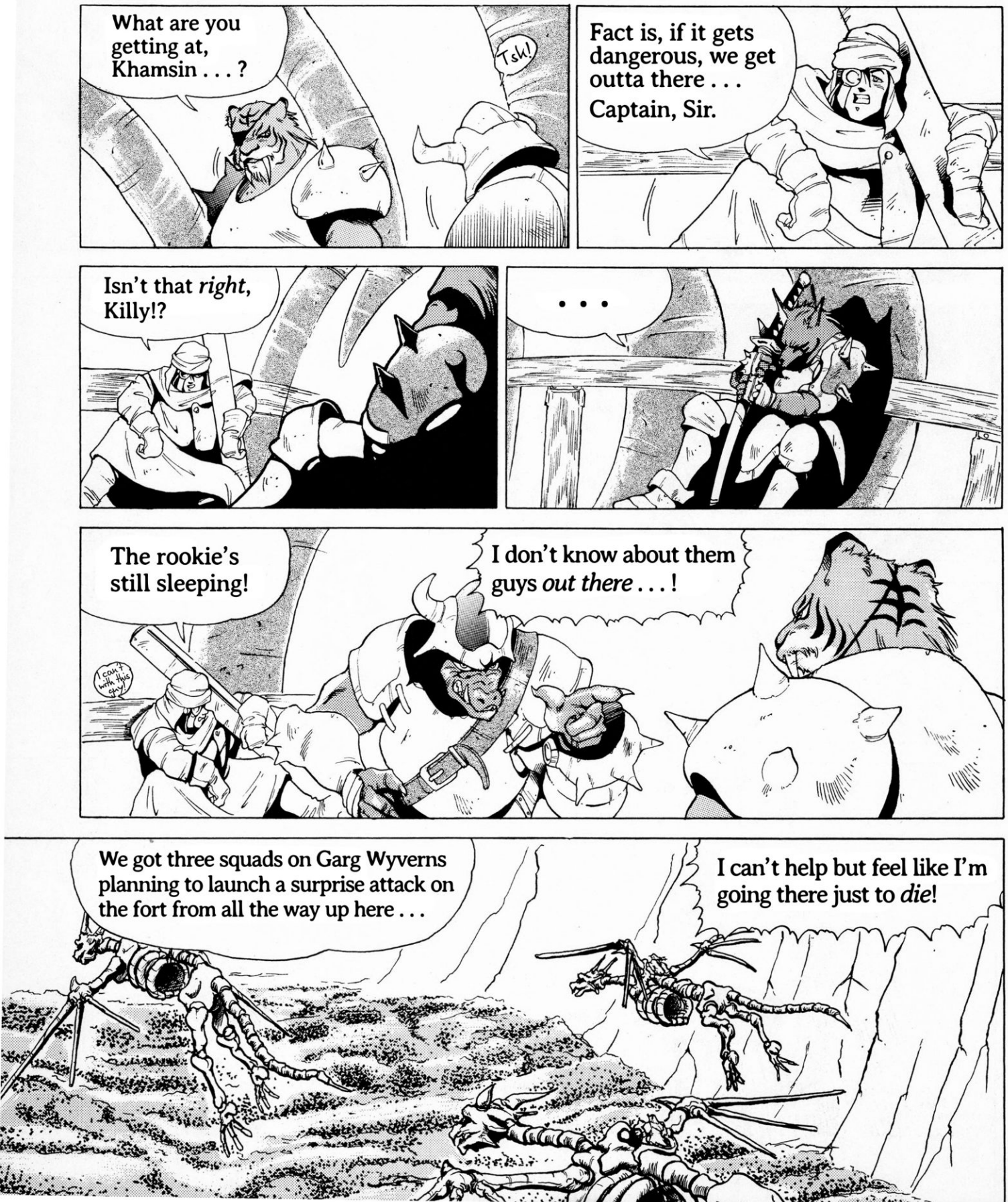
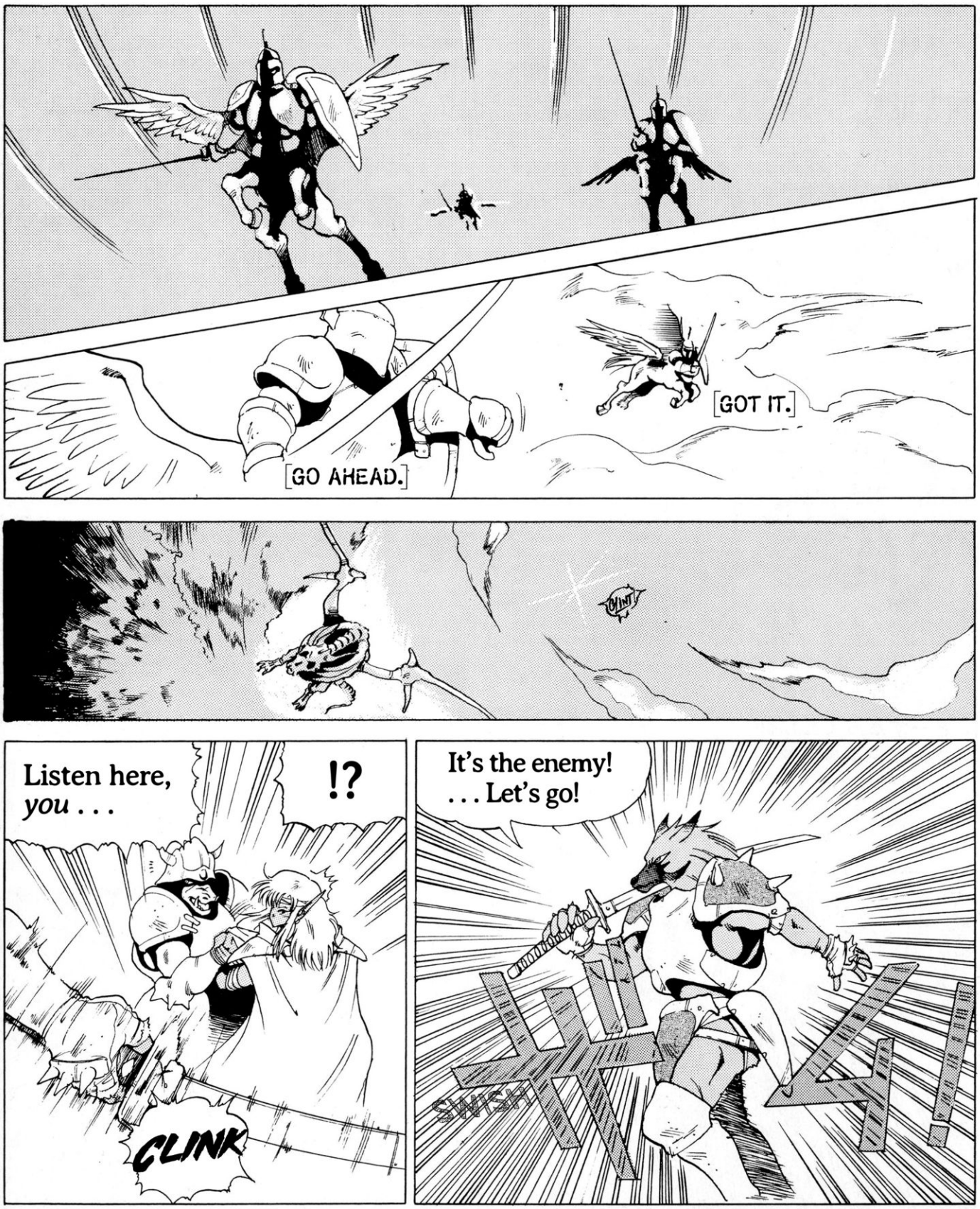







What are you getting at, Khamsin . . . ?
Tsk!
Fact is, if it gets dangerous, we get outta there . . . Captain, Sir.
Isn't that *right*, Killy!?
. . .
The rookie's still sleeping!
I don't know about them guys *out there* . . . !
I can't with this guy!
We got three squads on Garg Wyverns planning to launch a surprise attack on the fort from all the way up here . . .
I can't help but feel like I'm going there just to *die*!

Ah ha ha—!
!?
The Great Khamsin always talks big!
Getting cold feet this late in the game?
Huh . . . ?
GLARE
Well, ain't you a smooth talker!? Huh, Kris?
Get your fishy hands off me, you piece of shit lizard!
What are you going to do if I don't, dark elf!?
TWITCH!
You want to wind up a charred lizard!?
FWOOM
オ!!!


[GO AHEAD.]
[GOT IT.]
CLINK
Listen here, you . . .
!?
CLINK
It's the enemy! . . . Let's go!
SWISH

Hey, aren't you still half asleep . . . ?
CLICK
I *wish* he were dreaming.
The rear Garg Wyvern is in danger . . .
BOOM!
GRROAR
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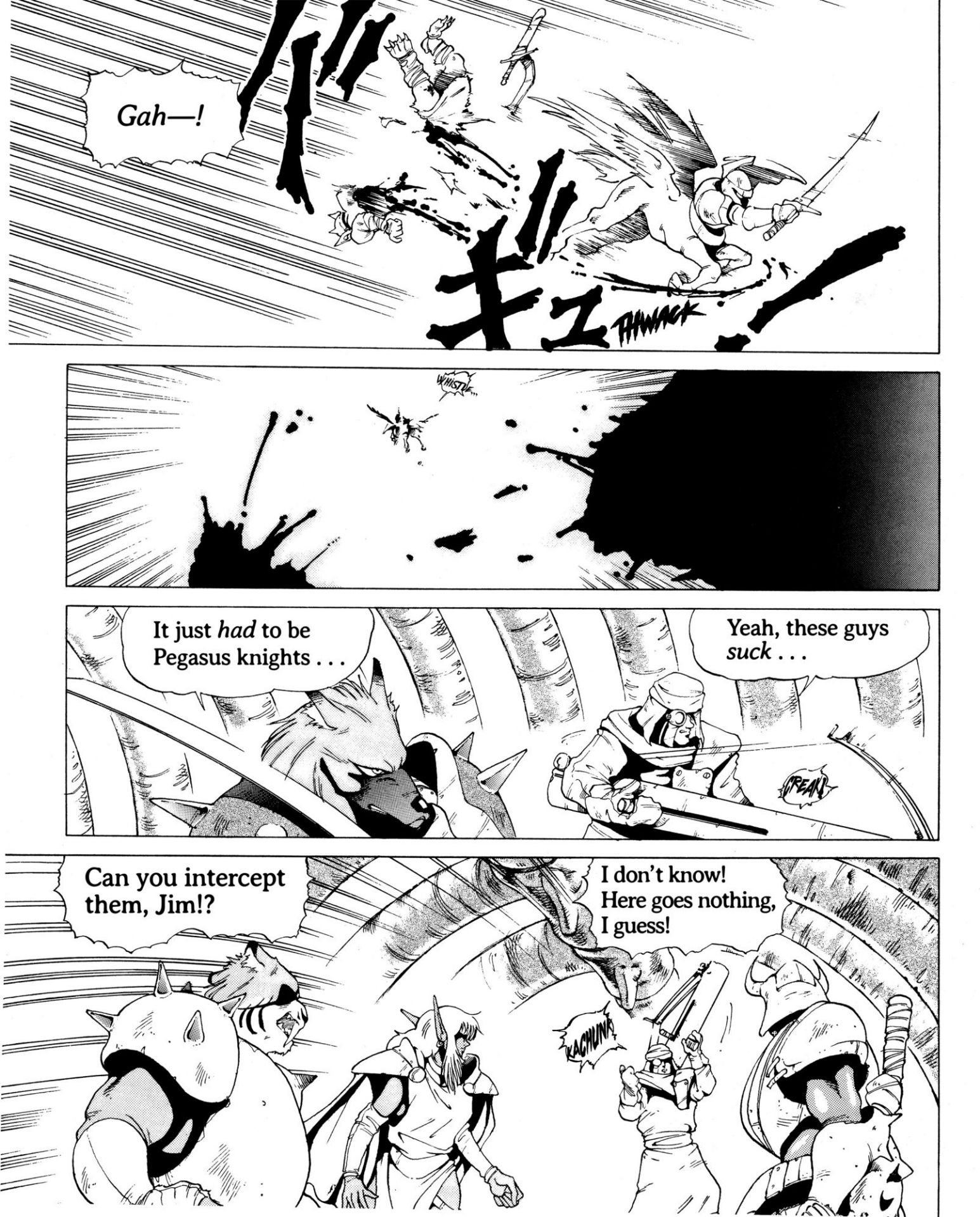
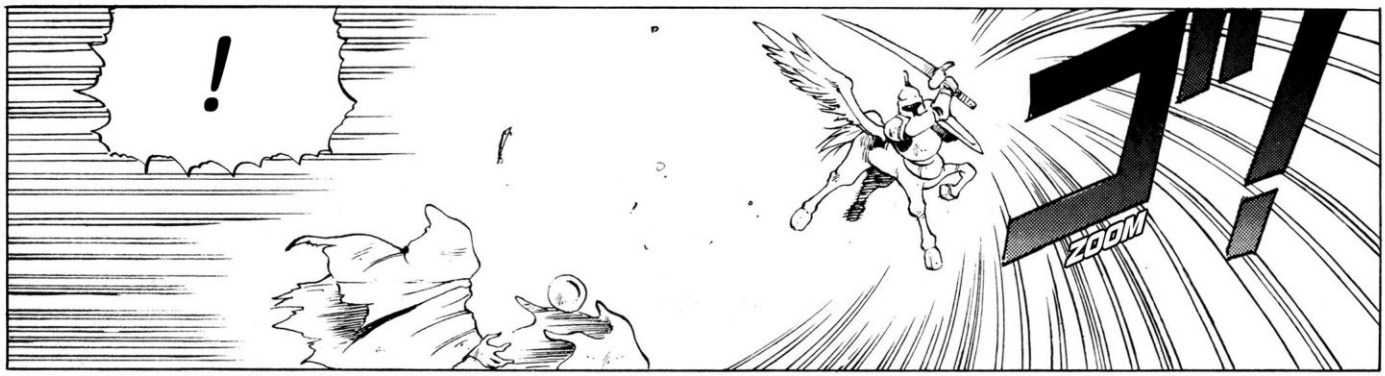
RUMBLE!
Whoooaa—!


Gah—!
THWACK
WHISH!
It just *had* to be Pegasus knights . . .
Yeah, these guys *suck* . . .
SNEAK!
Can you intercept them, Jim!?
I don't know! Here goes nothing, I guess!
KACHUNK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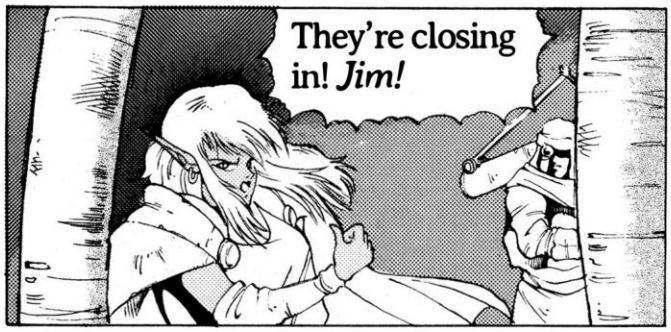
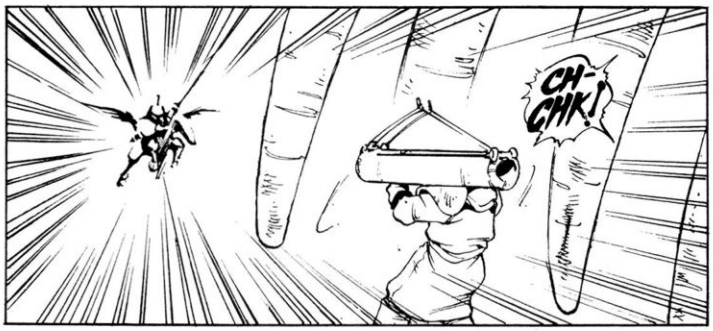
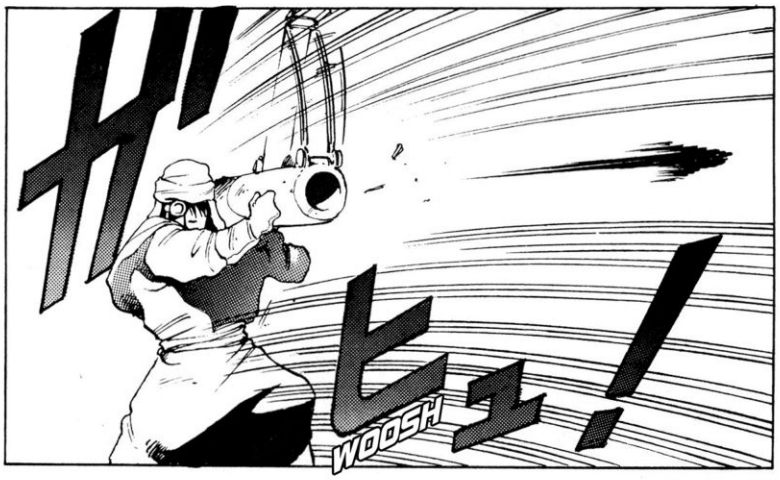
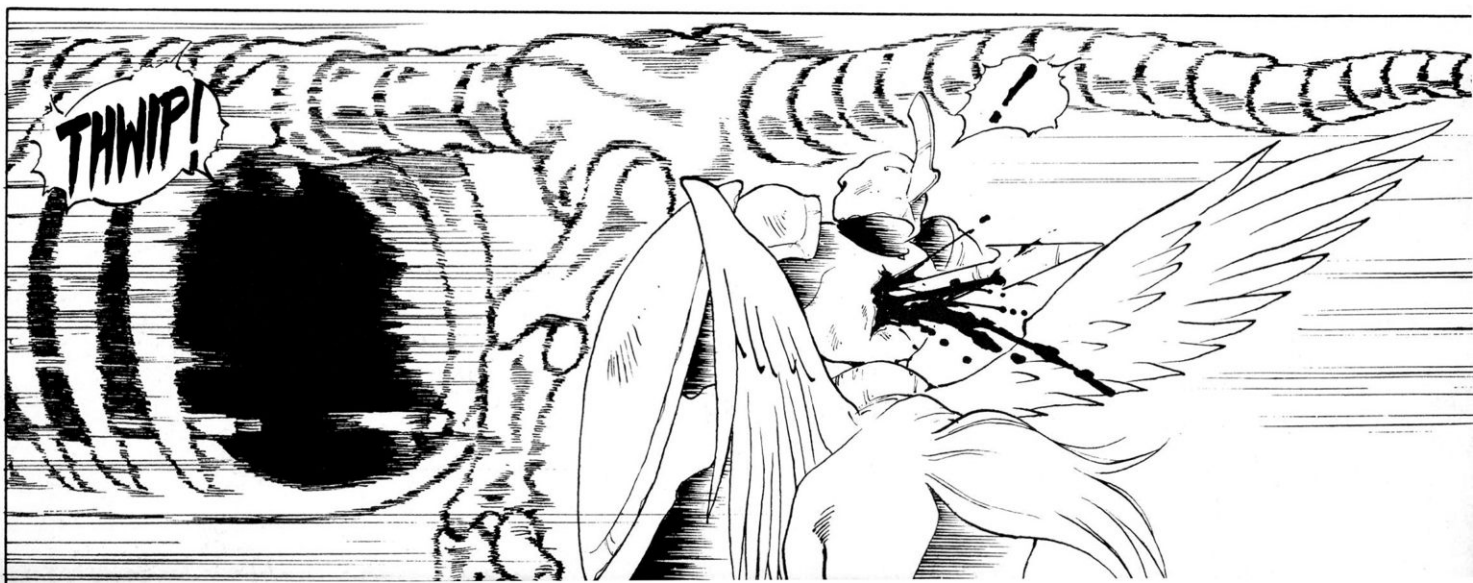

They're closing in! *Jim!*


CH-CHK!

Do you really want to die in a place like this!?


WOOSH


THWIP!
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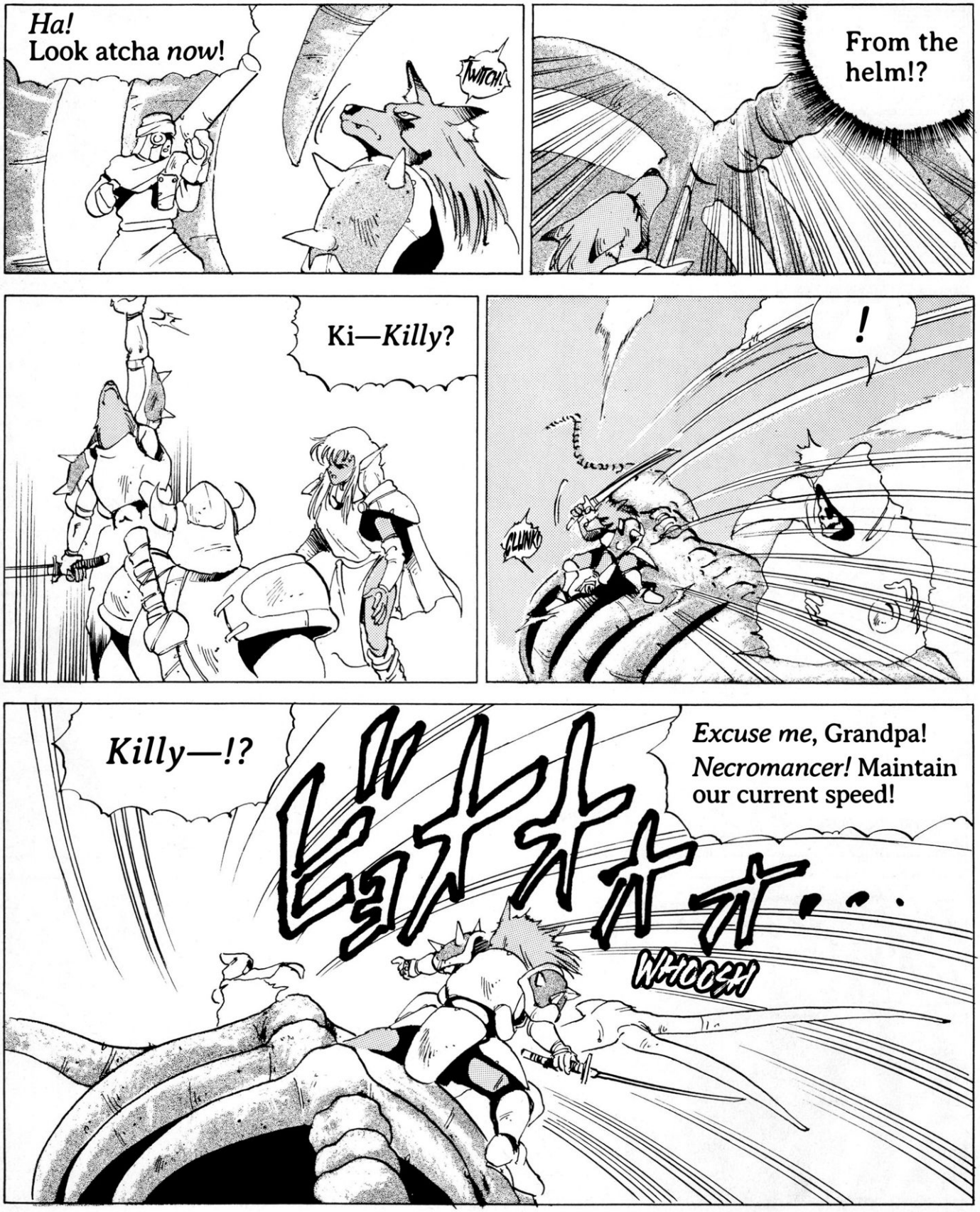
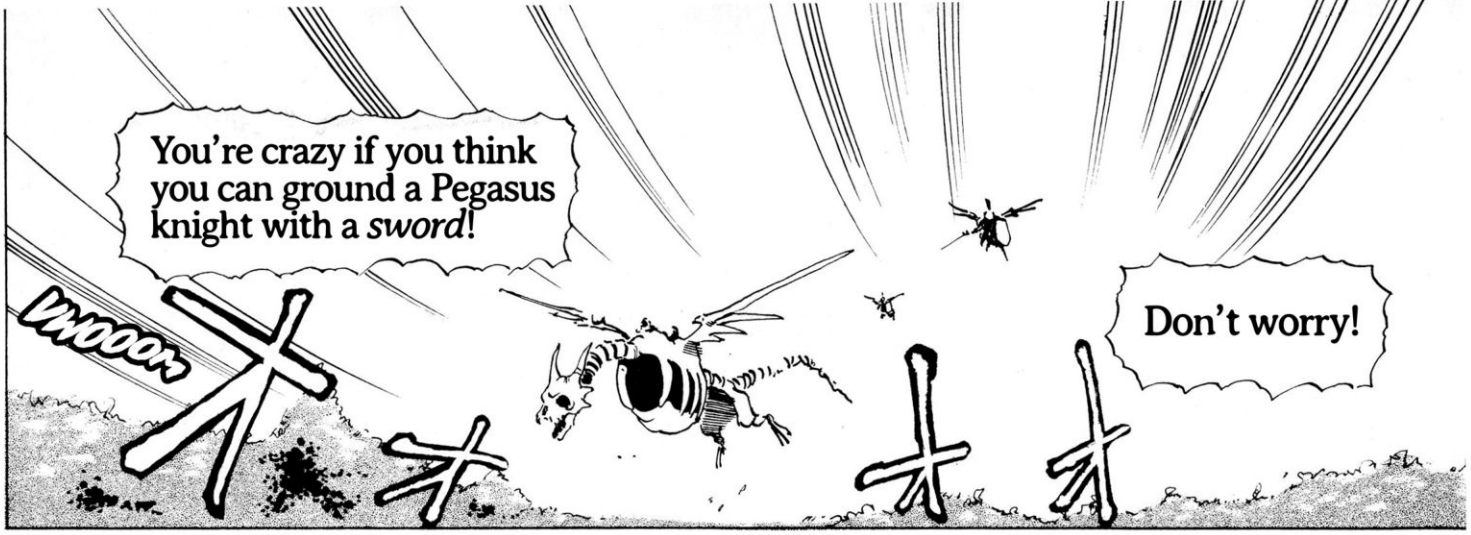
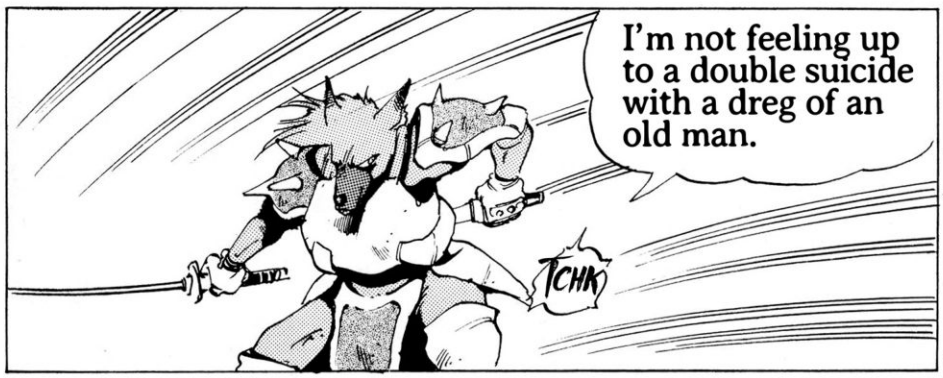

Ha!
Look atcha *now*!
TWITCH!
From the helm!?
Ki—*Killy*?
!
CLINK!
Killy—!?
Excuse me, Grandpa!
Necromancer! Maintain our current speed!
WHOOSH

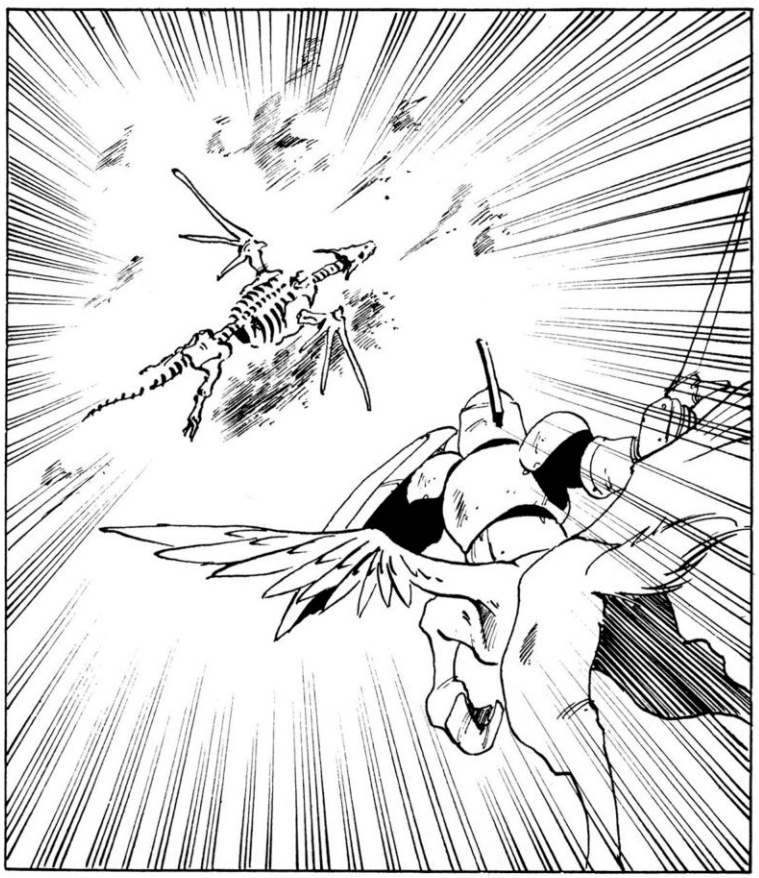

You're crazy if you think you can ground a Pegasus knight with a *sword*!
WOOOSH
Don't worry!


I'm not feeling up to a double suicide with a dreg of an old man.
TCHK

A DREG...?
...

WHISTLE

FWIP
TENSION!



This guy seriously wants to take out a Pegasus knight!
Jim! Can't you just do like you did last time?
Don't be a dumbass!
You can't shoot a bow-gun *straight up* and hope to hit *anything*!
That Killy guy . . .
Could he . . . !?
STARE
. . . !?
SLICE
WHOOSH!
SWISH!

Hyah—!
WHAM
THWACK
WHIZ
...
Th—that Killy guy actually had the guts to take 'em out!
Wh—what? How!?

CLATTER!
FWOOSH
CRACK!
GRGHK!
RUMBLE
Second-level *Blaze*!
FWOOM
KABOOM
WHA-...
That knight can use *magic*!
A magic knight. Well, then.
Huh?

If *those* are magic knights . . .
Then they've *got to be* the imperial guards of Dahama the Third's knight brigade!
Well, what the hell are they doing *here*!?
How should *I* know!?
BANG
GRKH
Aaaahhh—!
BOOM
Did everyone survive that!?
RUMBLE
We're *fine*! *Damn* it!
Hey! Old man! Pick up the pace, Necromancer ...
TAP!

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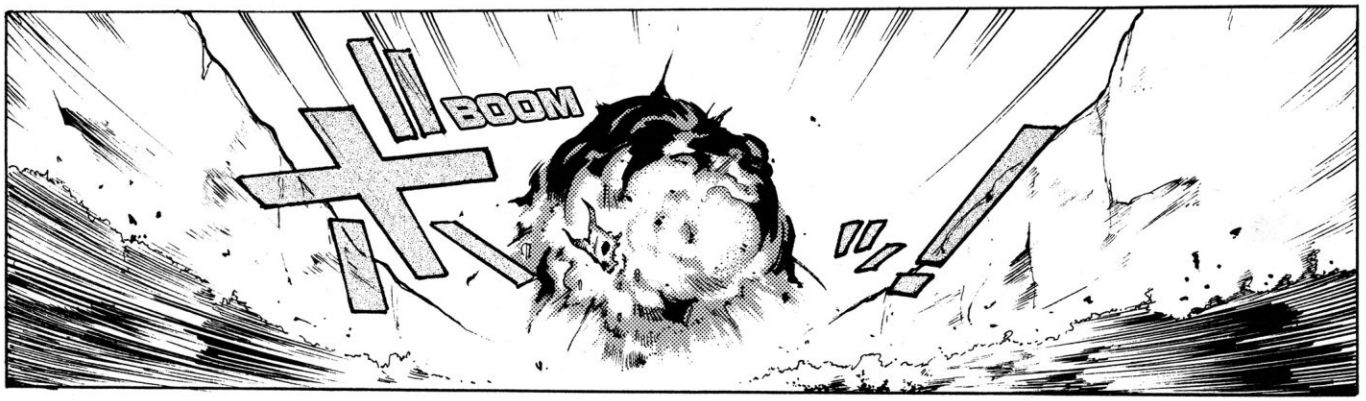
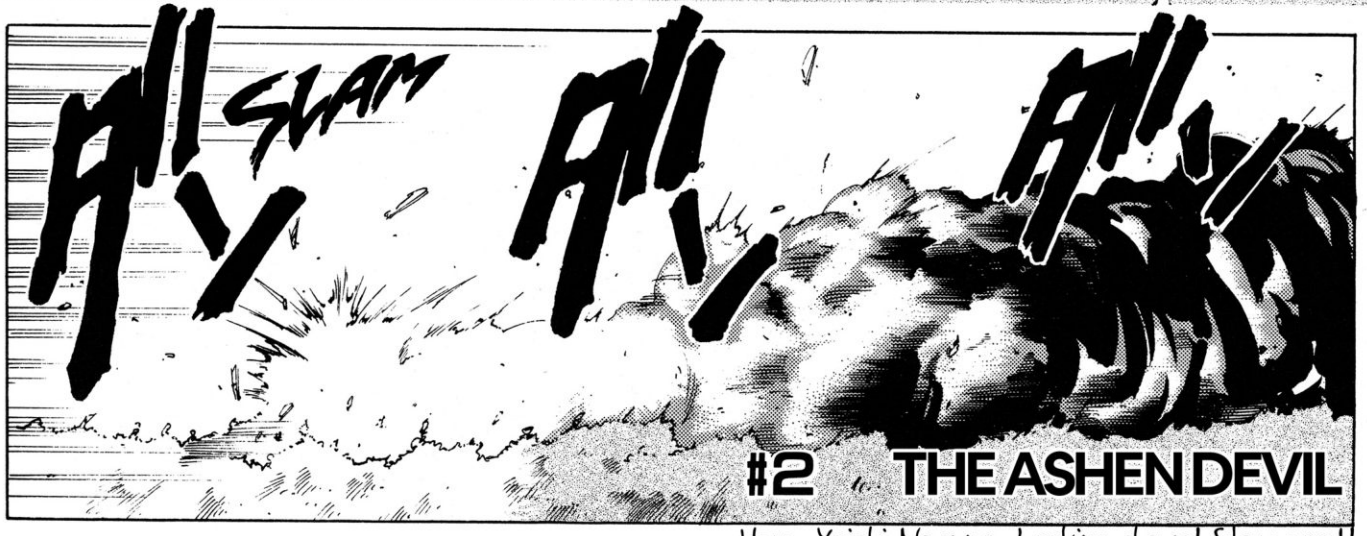


A new *Shining* story of the Light drawn by the character designer of *Shining and the Darkness* and *Shining Force*

Shining and the Darkness Gaiden

ドゥーム・ブレイド
DOOM BLADE



#2 THE ASHEN DEVIL

Hey, Yoichi Nasuno. Looking sharp! Stay good!

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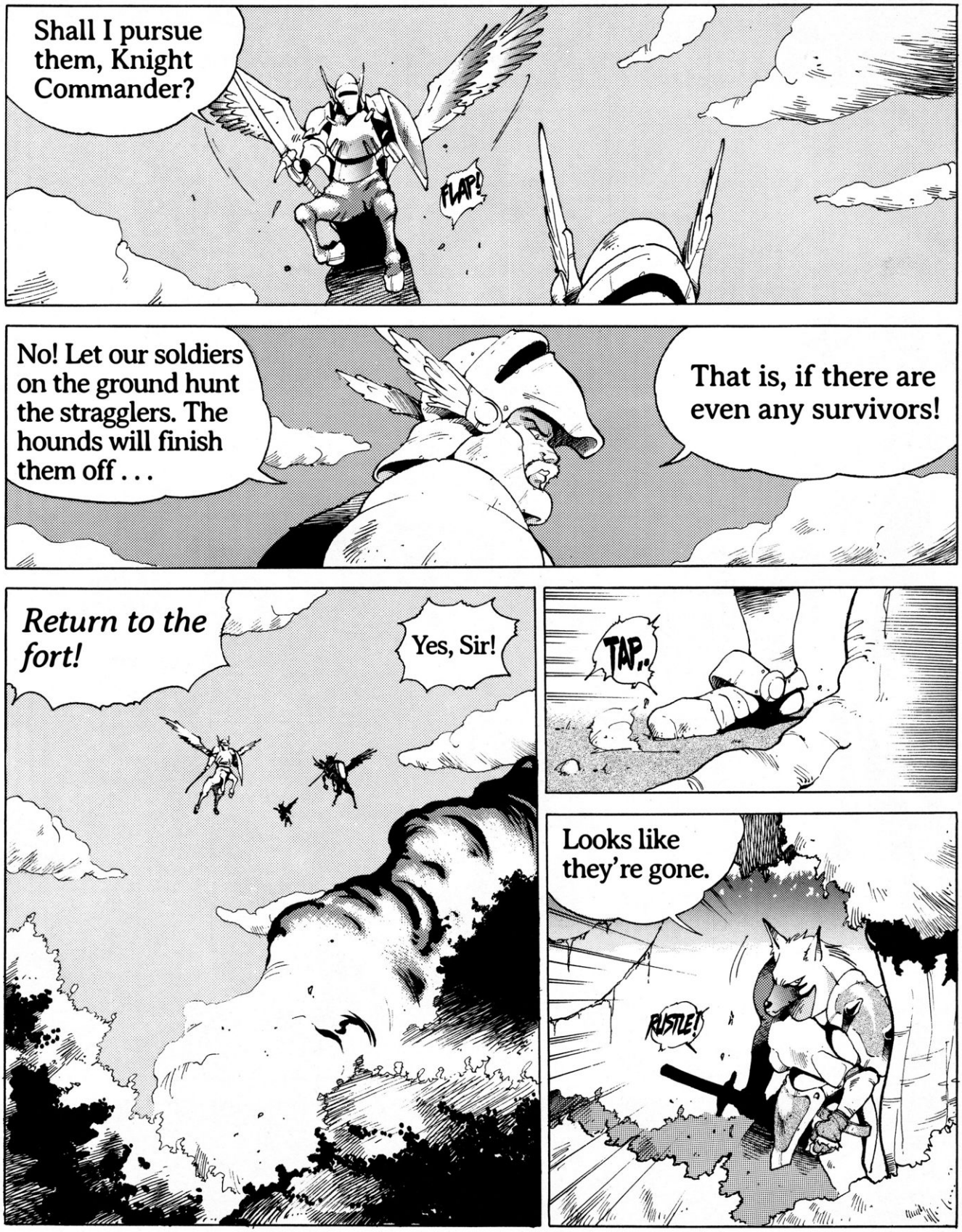
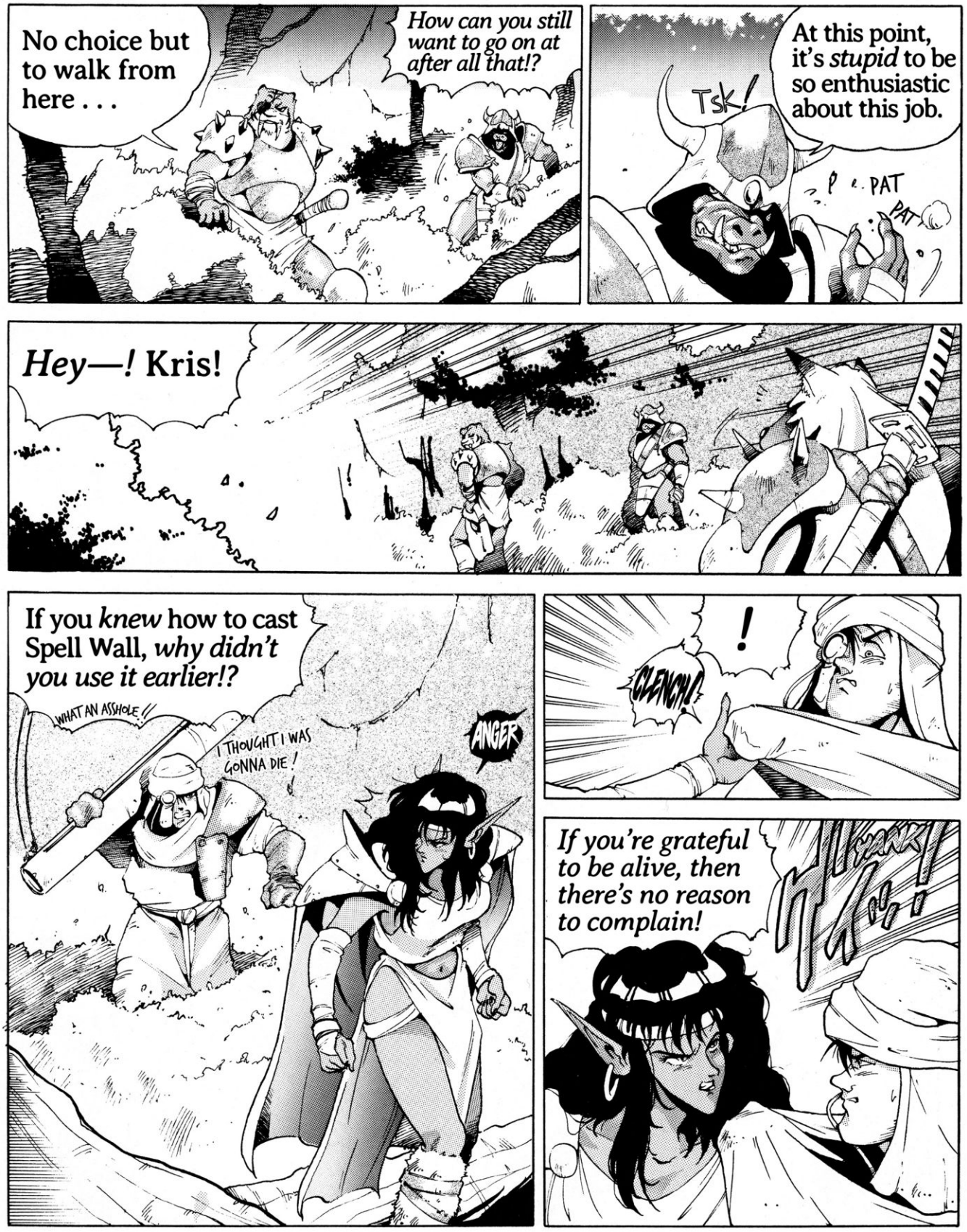
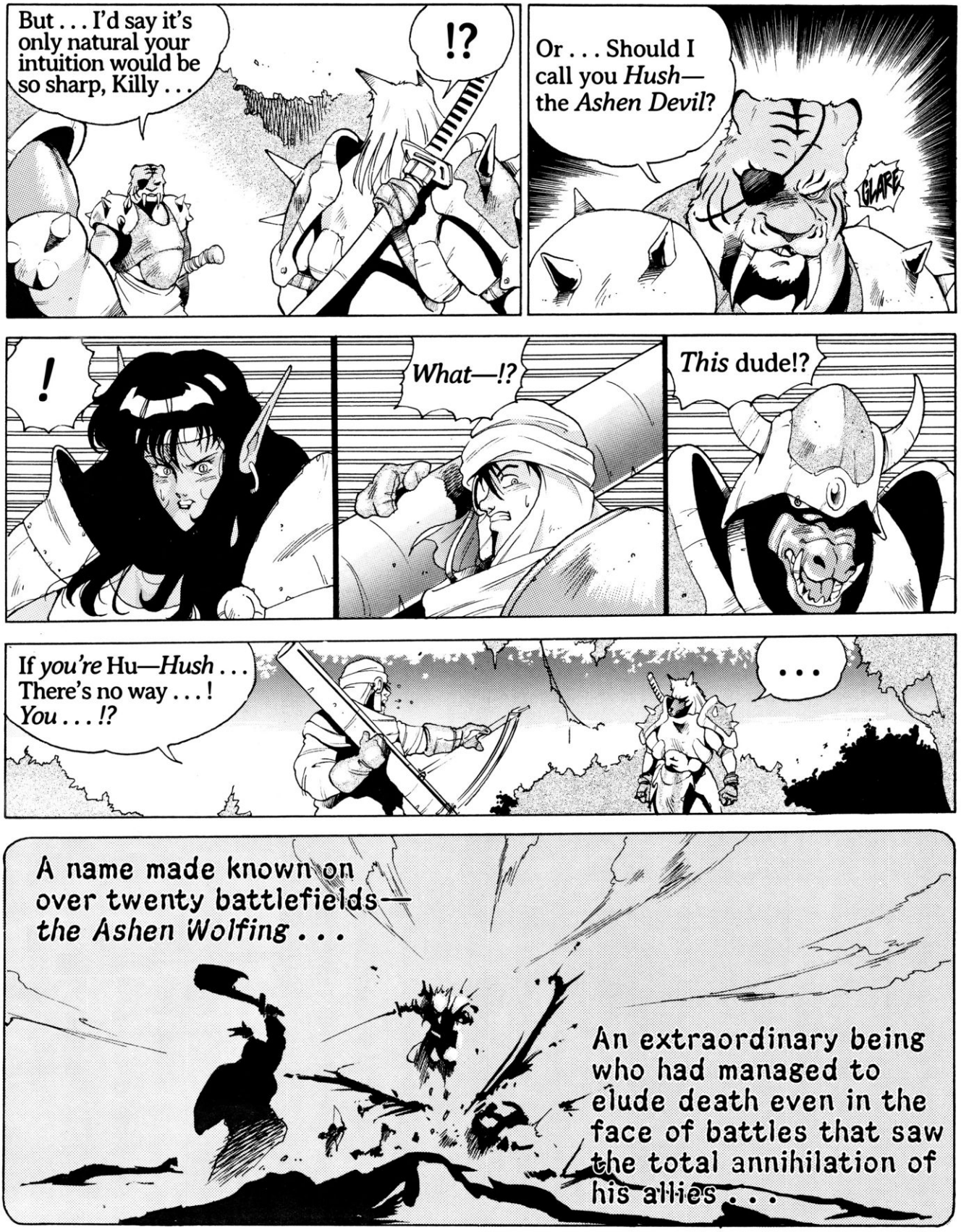

Shall I pursue them, Knight Commander?
FLAP!
No! Let our soldiers on the ground hunt the stragglers. The hounds will finish them off . . .
That is, if there are even any survivors!
Return to the fort!
Yes, Sir!
TAP..
Looks like they're gone.
RUSTLE!


No choice but to walk from here . . .
How can you still want to go on at after all that!?
TSK!
At this point, it's *stupid* to be so enthusiastic about this job.
PAT
PAT
Hey—! Kris!
If you *knew* how to cast Spell Wall, *why didn't you use it earlier!?*
WHAT AN ASSHOLE!!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!
ANGER
!
CLENCH!
If you're grateful to be alive, then there's no reason to complain!
KAKI

I had to protect every one of us from third-level Blessed Burst . . .
Do you have *any idea* how much magical power and casting time that took!?
I get it. *I get it!* My bad, OK!?
YEAH, YEAH
HUFF!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND, IT'S WHATEVER.!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND...
You *sure did* look bad there, didn't you, Jim?
CRACKING UP
HO
HO HO!
Shut up! I'll leave you to *die*!
You know, there's only five of us left here.
But you're *still* planning to go through with this, Arms?
Of course.

Did your brain come loose in the crash!? We're not taking this fort with just five people.
Well, it's not impossible.
Excuse me!?
We just need to take down Dahama the Third! Without their leader, our victory will fall into place!
DELETE!
Dahama's just one man. If he's the only one we're after, then there's nothing stopping us.
Hey, how can you be so sure Dahama's at the fort?
That's a stupid question . . . Didn't you just see the his personal guard on the front line?
That's right . . . It's because all these lords are in such a hurry to move in.
King Storm has raised an army. That's reason enough.

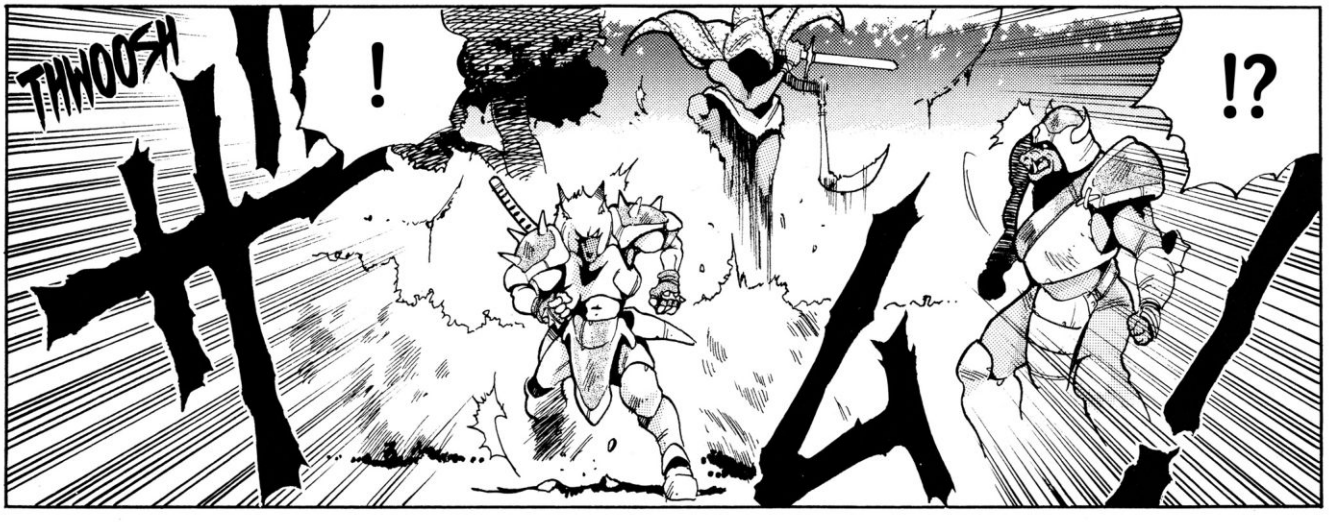

But . . . I'd say it's only natural your intuition would be so sharp, Killy . . .
!?
Or . . . Should I call you *Hush*— the *Ashen Devil*?
GLARE
!
What—!?
This dude!?
If *you're* Hu—*Hush* . . . There's no way . . . ! *You . . . !?*
. . .
A name made known on over twenty battlefields— *the Ashen Wolfing . . .*
An extraordinary being who had managed to elude death even in the face of battles that saw the total annihilation of his allies . . .

But in times of war . . .
his superhuman strength
and divine luck
appeared only as dread to
those who cornered him.

Before long, Killy the
wolfling warrior
became known as . . .
The Ashen Devil
Who Beckons the
God of Death.
The Merciless One.

Why didn't you
tell us your name
was Hush?

My name is Killy!
I shouldn't have to
introduce myself
as Hush!


THWOOSH
!
!?

Next month's issue is . . . next month's issue . . . uuuu . . . (Cries.)

To be continued in the next issue!

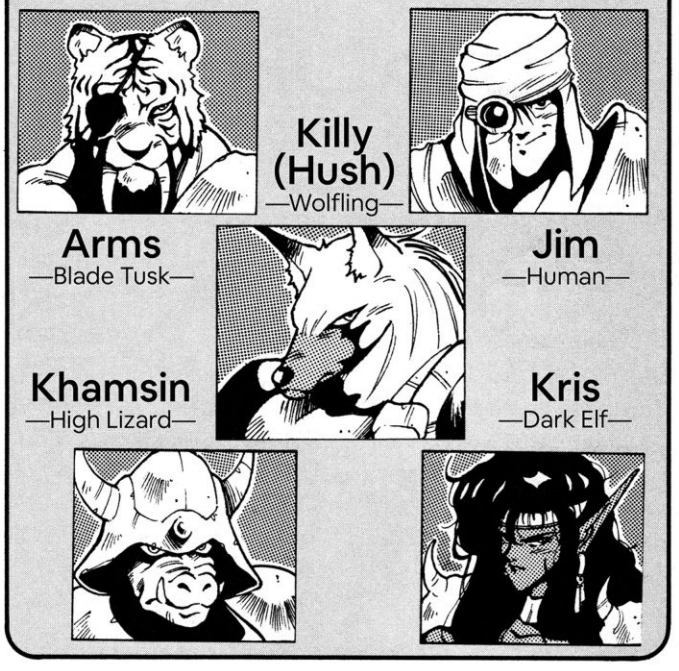
All revealed about the popular comic!

Shining and the Darkness Gaiden

ドゥーム・ブレイド DOOM BLADE FAN

The highly-acclaimed comic *Doom Blade* is in the midst of its run. Here's a synopsis of the main characters, the setting, and more all in once place!

Main Characters



Five Heroes Guided by the Doom Blade

An age of chaos. A land as yet unnamed. Great ranks of fearless fighters fight for hegemony over the land.

On this continent the three royal lines of Dahama, Lutecia, and Storm Sang share borders on the frontier. Of the three, two share hostilities, with perpetual skirmishes lining the border between Lutecia and Dahama.

ATTACK ON KING DAHAMA

The king of Lutecia, angered by his lack of progress in the war, dispatched a squad of mercenary assassins to target King Dahama. They weaved through a gorge riding flying undead dragons with the goal of taking Fort Golda on the border to establish a foothold

for future invasions. The squad numbered around a dozen. Though undertaken by elites, the operation was a clear last resort by a desperate squad.

ASSAULT!

In fact, it was as if he had been waiting for them. Imperial guards of the king's knight brigade responded with an assault. One subunit put up a hard fight but was shot down in the end.

Arms, Killy, Khamsin, Jim, and Kris were the only five survivors. They had lost nearly all of their weapons save the one that awaited them.

In spite of this, their commanding officer, Arms, intends to continue the operation.

"What can we possibly do with just five people!?" Khamsin protested severely. As a tense atmosphere began to set in, Killy opened his mouth, "I'm certain Dahama the Third is in that fort. We should target him alone."

THE ASHEN DEVIL

Jim doubted that Dahama the Third would be in such a place. Killy countered this by pointing out the presence of the king's imperial guards. Everyone was impressed by his reasoning. However, Arms, having seen Killy's unusual prowess in combat and cool judgment, was reminded of the name of a warrior.

Hush, the Ashen Devil, a berserker whose name was made known across many battlefields. Thus was it certain that Killy was that selfsame Hush. Why would such a man be here . . . ? Before Arms could ask, survivor-hunting soldiers attacked. Kris was the only one among the frantically fighting five to have her eyes fixed on Killy.

"Hush . . . I've finally found you!"

Come Visit Doom World

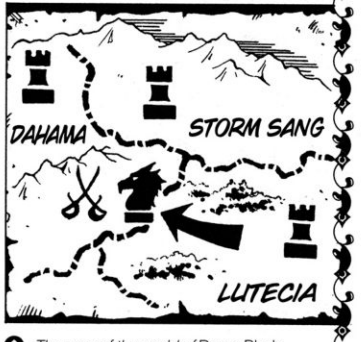
Because the world of *Doom Blade* shares its setting with the *Shining* series, characters from the games appear in it. Doesn't the name Hush sound familiar? Yeah, from *Shining and the Darkness*—the one-eyed wolfman who gives out all sorts of advice. It's the same guy.

Look at this person. He looks familiar, huh?

More characters may show up from here on out. Looking out for them will be fun.

In the world of this comic, power is split between three countries. Dahama and Lutecia are at war, while Storm Sang watches and waits. Let's take a look at the map on the right. The arrow shows the infiltration route of Killy's party. The spot marked by crossed swords is where the third country, Storm Sang, will enter the war.

Tensions in *Doom Blade* are becoming suddenly heightened. Could this be the start of a Great Dark Age?



The map of the world of Doom Blade. Lutecia is a land of many plains.

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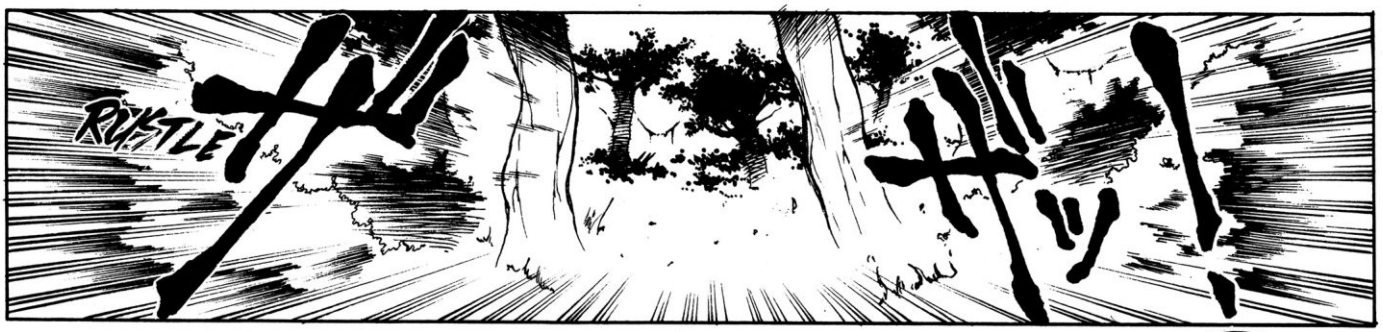

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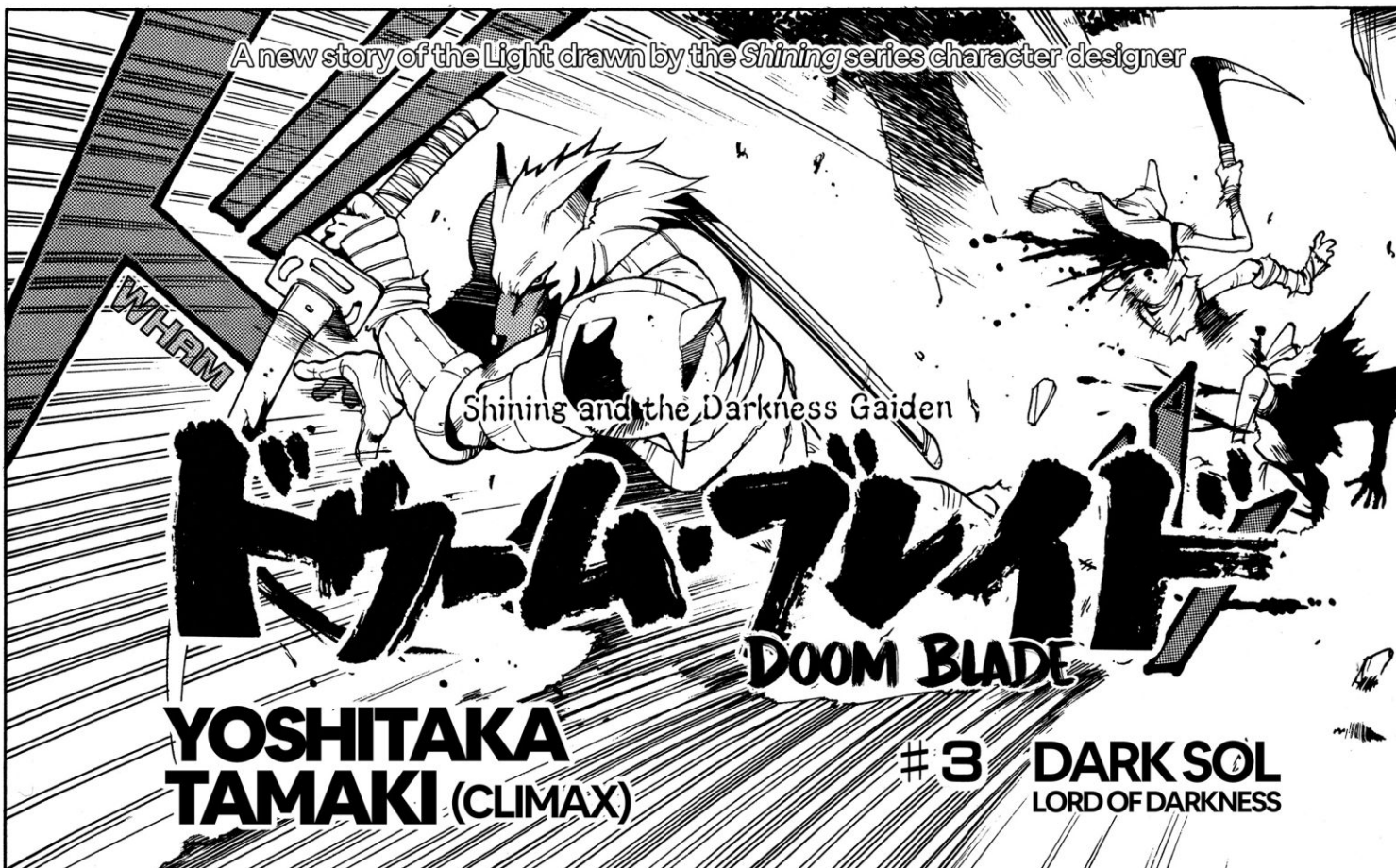

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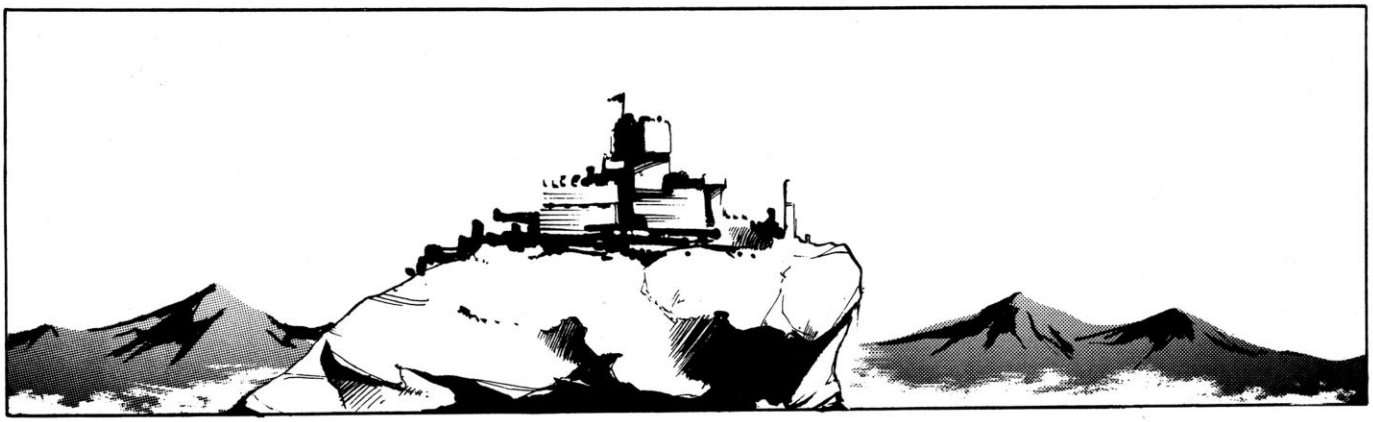
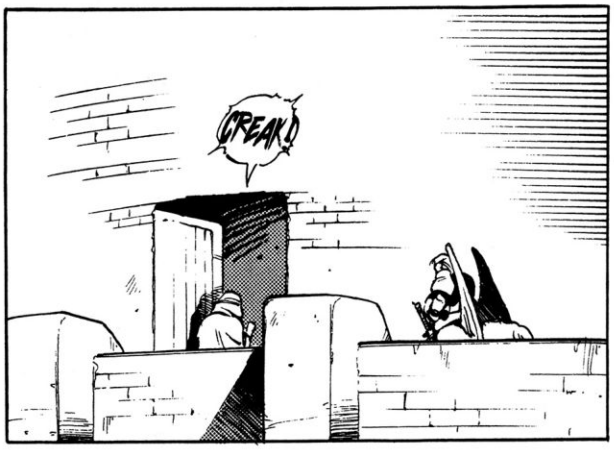
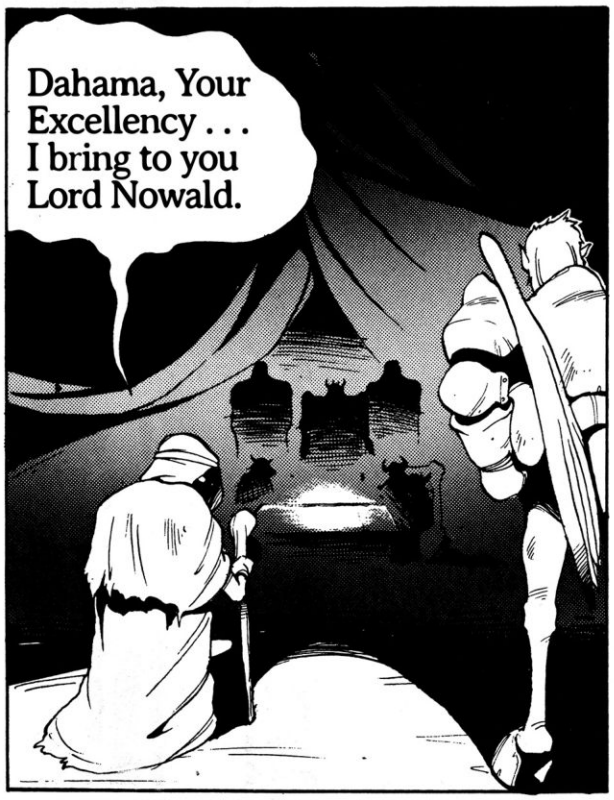
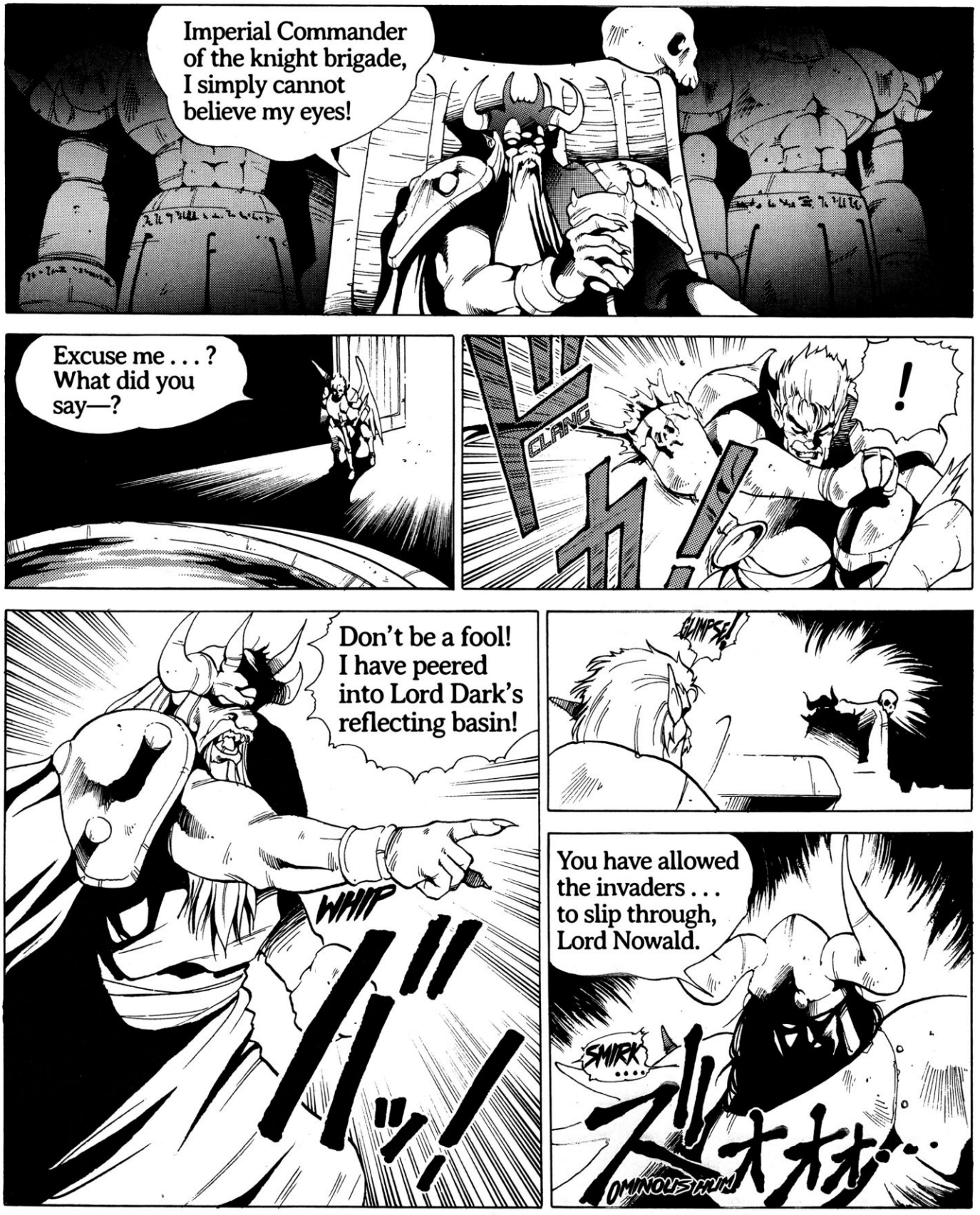
#3 DARK SOL
LORD OF DARKNESS




CREAK!

Dahama, Your Excellency, I received word you'd requested summons of your humble Nowald . . . ?
CLINK!


Dahama, Your Excellency . . . I bring to you Lord Nowald.


Imperial Commander of the knight brigade, I simply cannot believe my eyes!
Excuse me . . . ? What did you say—?
CLANG
!
Don't be a fool! I have peered into Lord Dark's reflecting basin!
WHIP
GLIMPSE!
You have allowed the invaders . . . to slip through, Lord Nowald.
SMIRK
OMINOUS MUSIC

Th—*that's impossible!*
STAMP
Even if it *were* true, the hounds in the forest—
Can you really be so certain of that, Lord Nowald . . . ?
The hounds are only capable of handling common soldiers.
They do not have the power to mop up a force of elites . . .
El—*elites*, do you say . . . ?
Take a look . . .
?

FWOOM
SWISH
...
OUCH!
THWACK
ZIP

THUD!
SWOOSH
THUNK
COUGH!
!
ZIP
THUD!
DONK

You OK, Jim?
Y—yeah . . . Sorry.
COUGH!
CRUNCH
Aww, *shit!* *There's no end to these guys!*
WHAM
!
ギュ!!
THWACK

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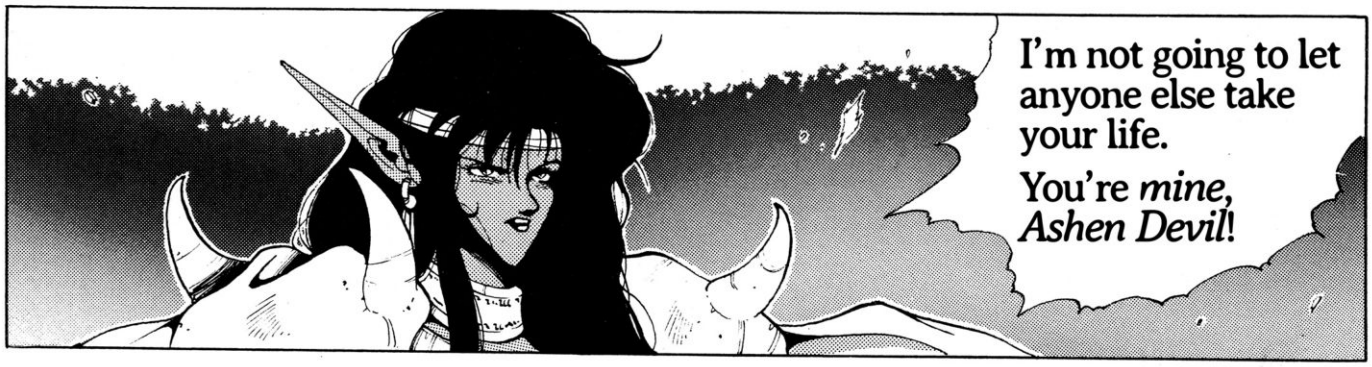

Yoshitaka Tamaki. in SARAMANDER FACTORY.
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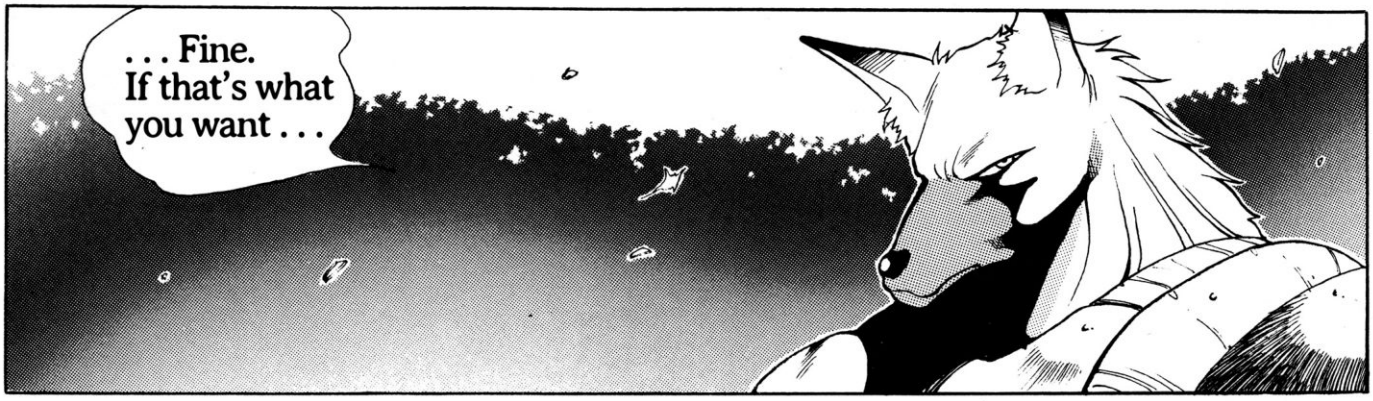
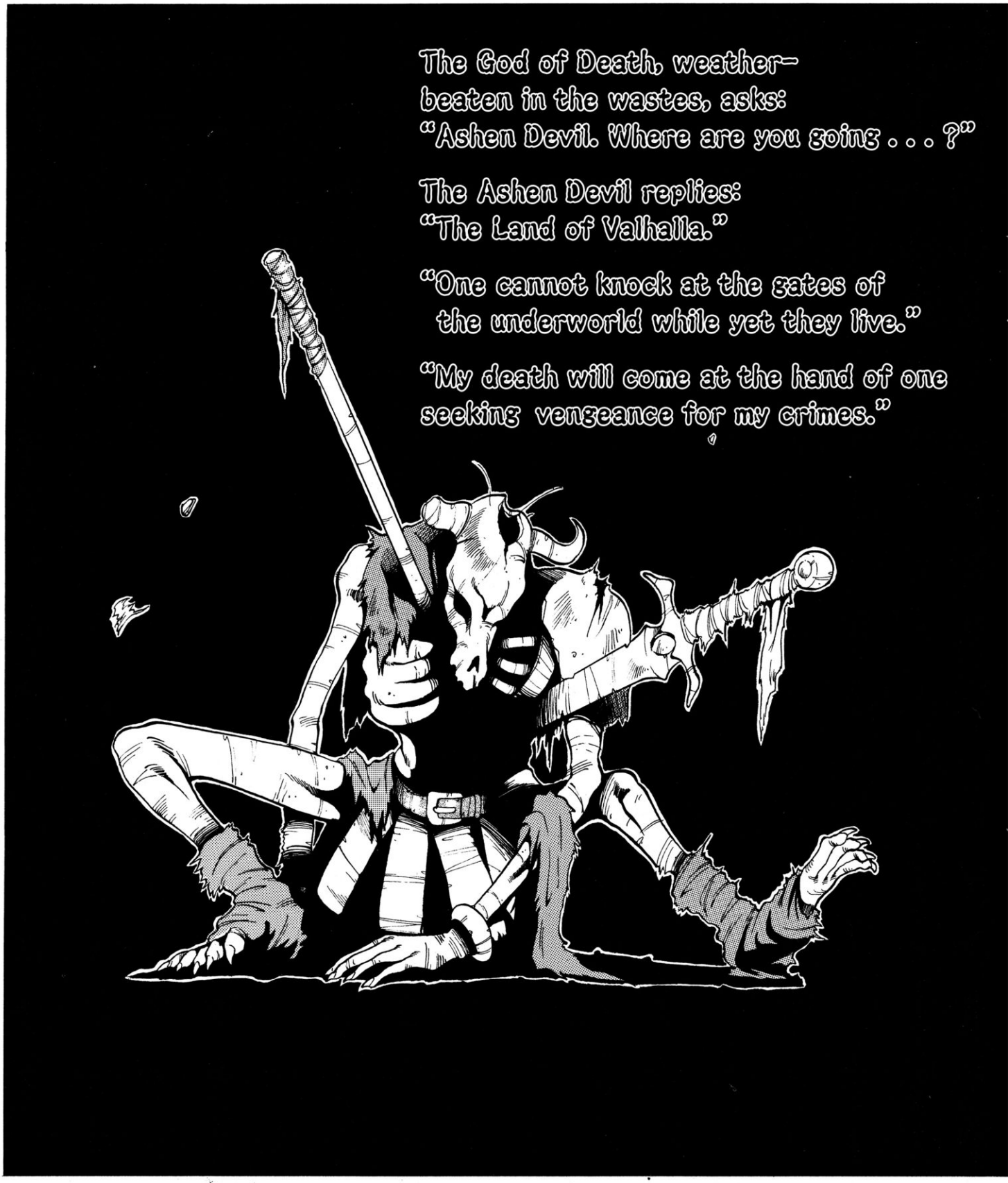


◆ Kris turns toward Killy, now known to be Hush, with hatred! Just what is going on!?


The God of Death, weather-beaten in the wastes, asks: "Ashen Devil. Where are you going . . . ?"
The Ashen Devil replies: "The Land of Valhalla."
"One cannot knock at the gates of the underworld while yet they live."
"My death will come at the hand of one seeking vengeance for my crimes."

A new story of the Light illustrated by the *Shining and the Darkness* and *Shining Force* character designer.

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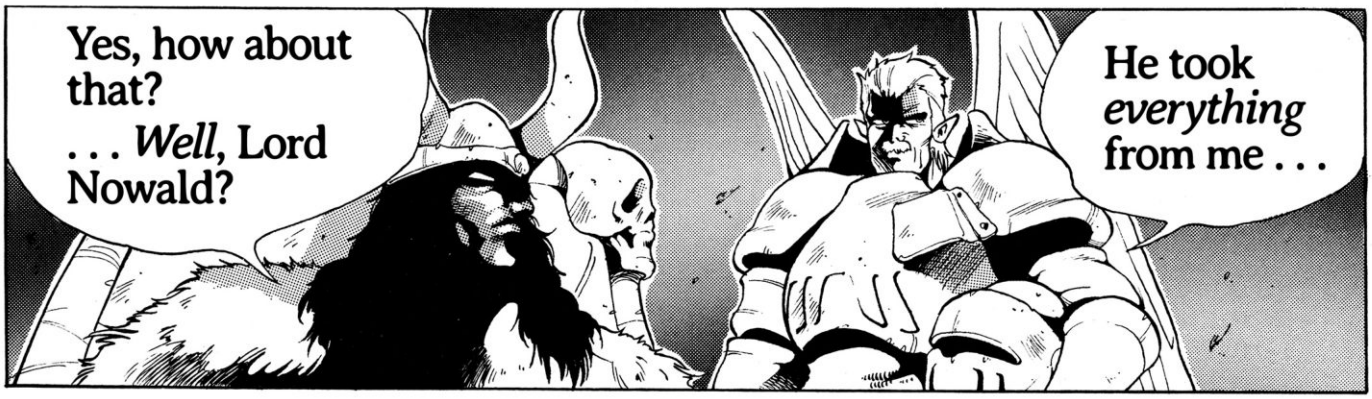
#4 REVENGERS

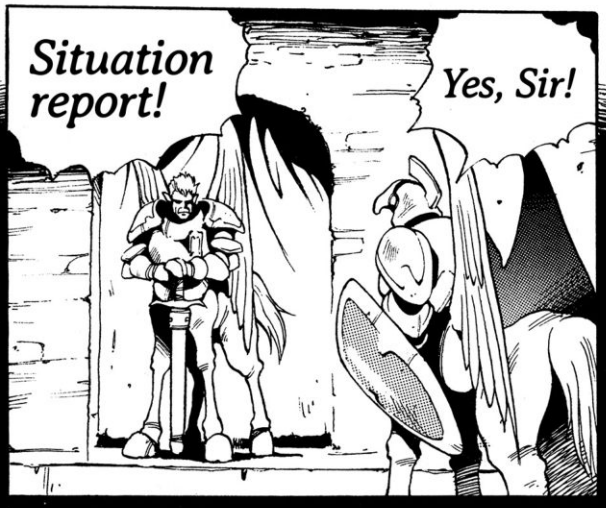
YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)

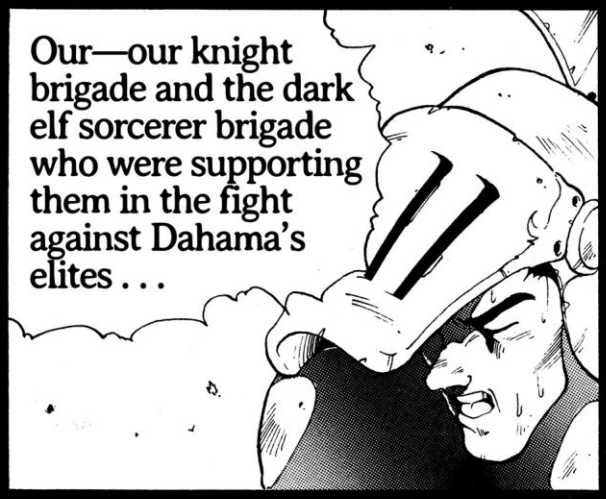
My *goodness* . . .
I know that wolfling man . . .
SHUDDER
Lord Nowald is quite *familiar* with this . . . *Hush*, then, is he . . . ?
SMIRK
フヒヒヒ
MENACING HUM
Those people knew him as the "Ashen Devil", but just who *is* this Hush?
GASP!
I think I should like to hear this from Lord Nowald himself . . .


Yes, how about that?
. . . Well, Lord Nowald?
He took everything from me . . .

He's the man who stole my pride!
GLARE
ギラッ!!

I'll never forget . . . what happened six years ago.
Knight Commander Nowald!
Lord Nowald!
CRASH
オオオ・・・
RUMBLE


Situation report!
Yes, Sir!


Our—our knight brigade and the dark elf sorcerer brigade who were supporting them in the fight against Dahama's elites . . .

. . . They've been completely wiped out . . .
Apparently, at the vanguard of their elites is the Ashen Devil . . .
We don't have the strength of forces to keep on fighting . . .
!
!
CLINK!
CLANK
SPLASH
It's Hu—
Hush!
DREAD
CLANK!!
Hey, *you*! Is your general in here?
GLARE!
You're a damned monster!
CLANK

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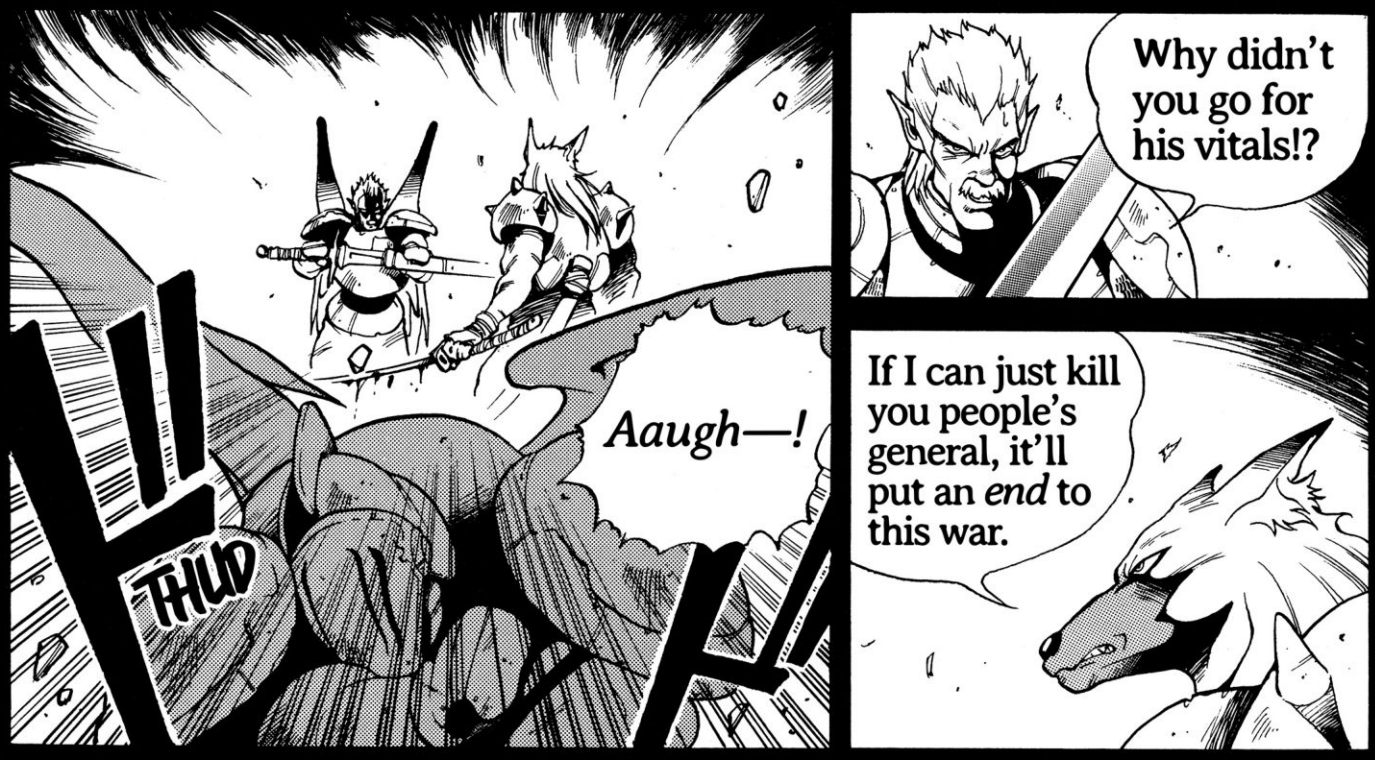

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YOSHITAKA TAMAKI

Lord Nowald himself retells the story of his meeting with Hush six years ago!

Wait!
Hush!
I am defeated!
Why have you not taken my life!?
HUFF! HUFF!
Worry not . . . Nowald.
I am the king, Claudius . . .
It seems this is the fate Heaven has granted me . . .
You may take my head . . .
Hush, I beg of you. Lower the curtain on this war.
. . . Please.
GLARE

Nowald.
Burn my corpse to ashes with Blaze magic.
Lest I become one of Dahama's undead soldiers.
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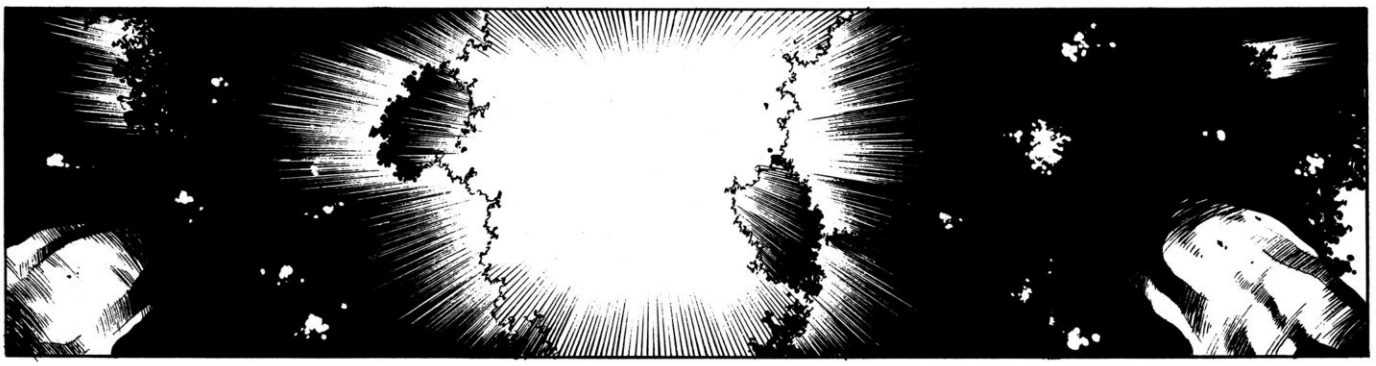
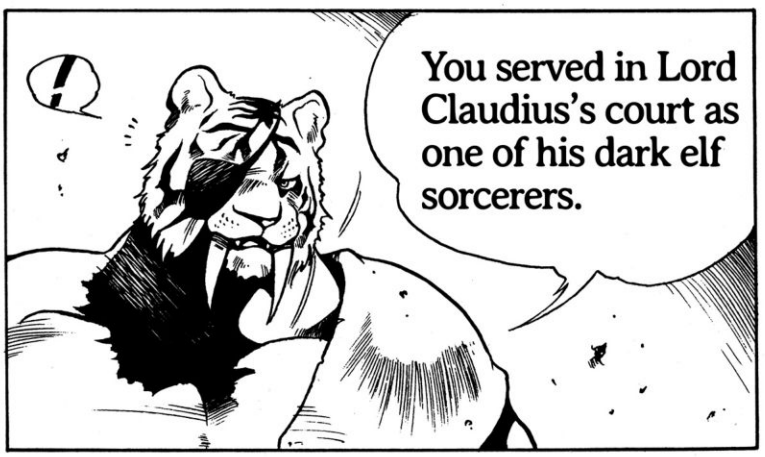
THOCK
WHIP!
The choking stench of a corpse's murky flowing blood . . . Now that I think about it, Lord Claudius may have been just as tired of the world as I am . . .
5 BANSHEES' BALLAD
Your Majesty—!



GREE!


!
You served in Lord Claudius's court as one of his dark elf sorcerers.

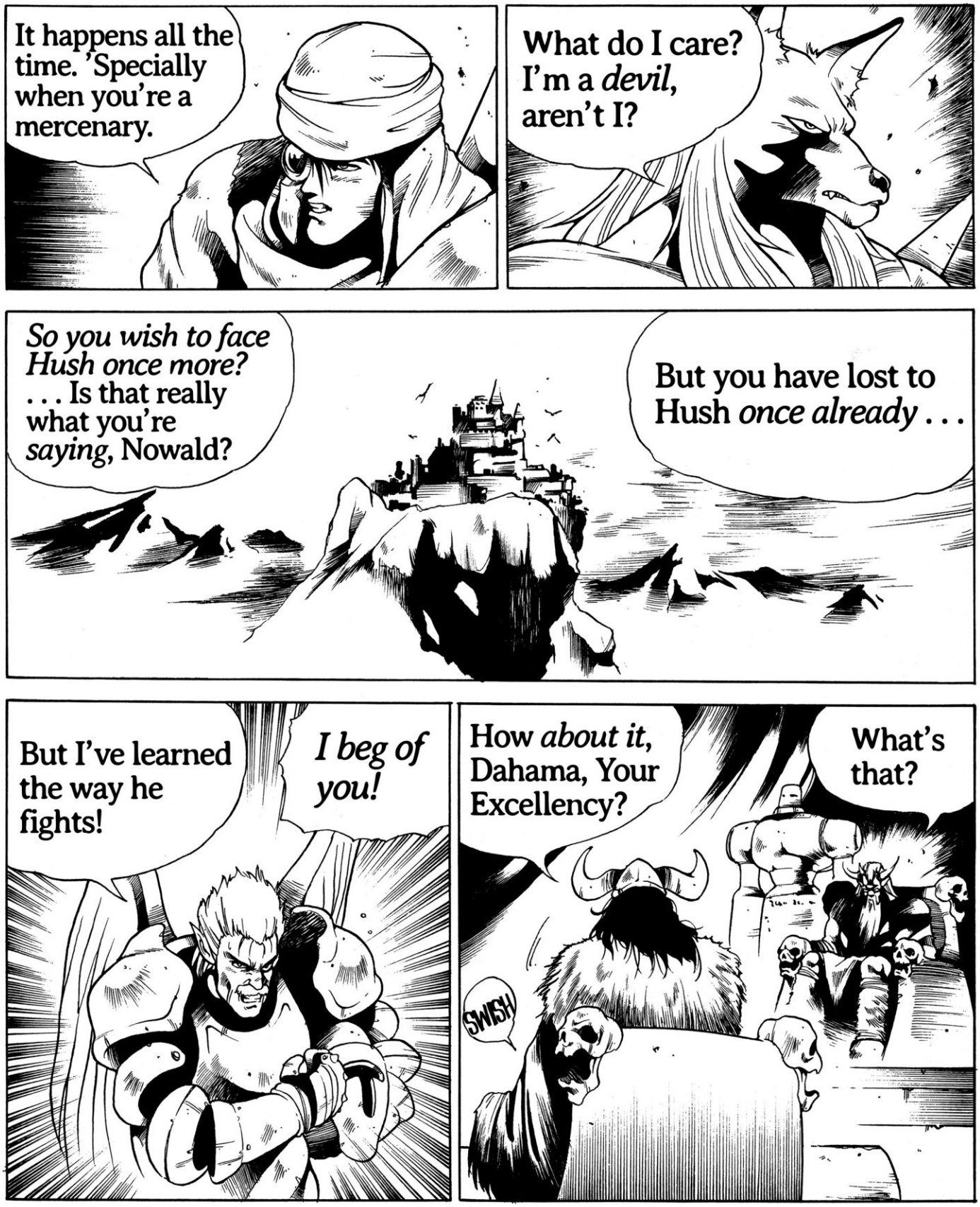
©Death Bird.

That's right . . .
My dad—
you killed him!

This man was one of Dahama's soldiers!
SHIP

Ahaha—!
That's a good one!
TSK!
You've spent like *six years* looking for your father's killer . . . You can't cry *now*!
Jim! What are you talking about? *What do you know!?*
GRIT
Hey, Kris! Why should *I* know *anything*? I don't care *who* you damn well kill!
CLENCH
If you're trying to make a scene, do it after the operation!
A squad getting torn apart by infighting is *no joke.*

Kris . . .
PFFT!
I know!
Let's just get this job over with . . .
GLARE!
. . .
Hey, chief! Don't worry about it.
PAT!
!


It happens all the time. 'Specially when you're a mercenary.
What do I care? I'm a *devil*, aren't I?
So you wish to face Hush once more? . . . Is that really what you're *saying*, Nowald?
But you have lost to Hush *once already* . . .
But I've learned the way he fights!
I beg of you!
How *about it*, Dahama, Your Excellency?
What's that?
SWISH

Sir Nowald should be permitted his pride as a knight.
Certainly to the mind of your humble Dark.
オオオ…
MENACE
Hmm . . . Well. It should be fine enough.
Then *go*, *Nowald*!
Yes, Sir!
Nowald . . . I have granted you *life* up to this very day. Do not forget your debt of gratitude to me!
SWISH!
. . . I will hold that order in the core of my being.

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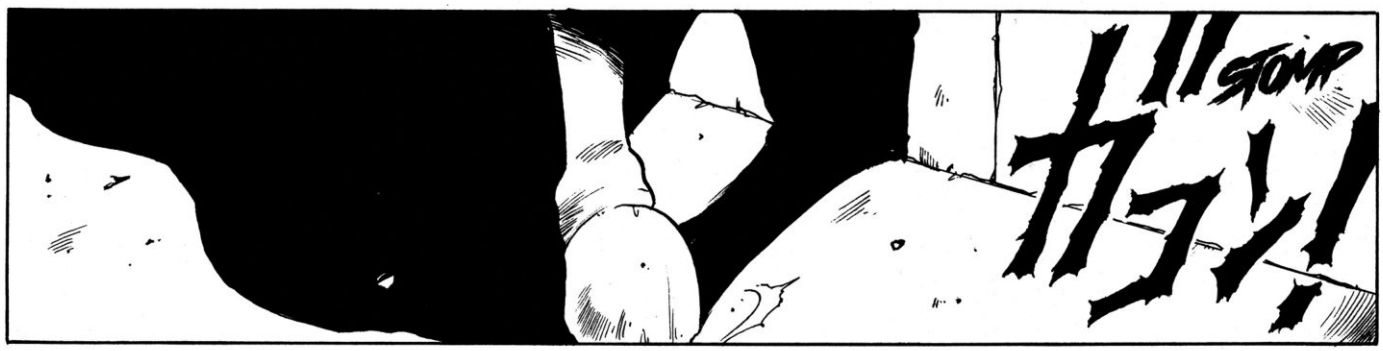

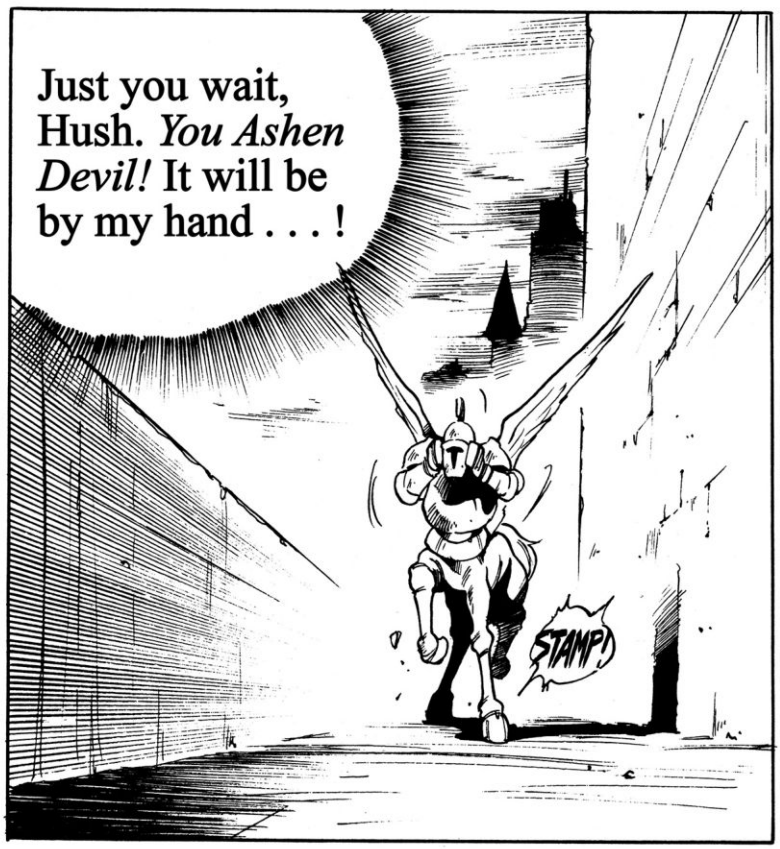

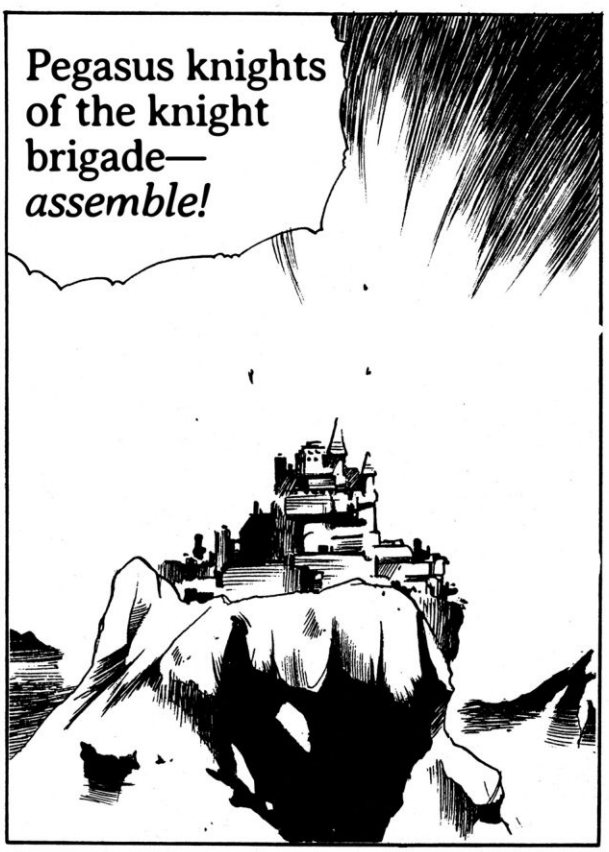

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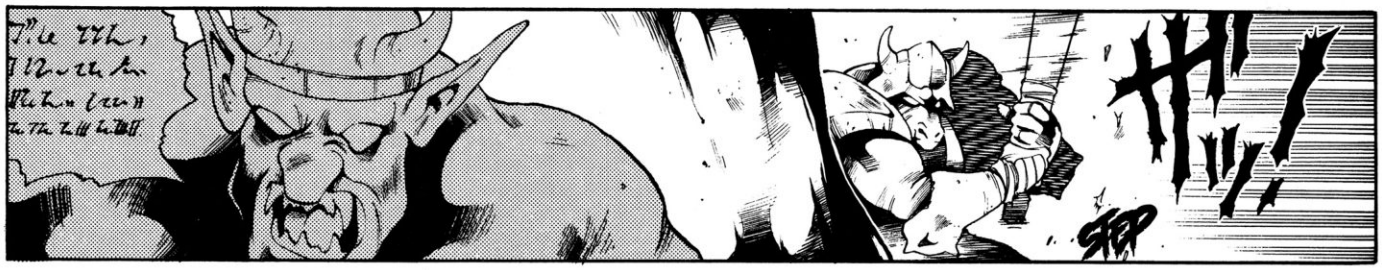

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YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)

■Lord Dark is beginning to act! Our story approaches its climax!

Asai-kun, lost child on the road to the land of the dead. Thank you so much... Hm..

#6 SUBTERFUGE

FADING
STOP
HESITANT...
LOOM
!
WHOOM
SKREECH
STEP!

SLUMP.
Another one of these orc patrols! That's the eighth one so far.
Killy says there should be an entrance around here somewhere . . .
Oh, really? 'Cause I don't see a thing.
!
. . .
I WONDER IF THEY'RE GOOD...
. . . .

. . . I've got it.
Stand back . . .
. . .
Please.
WHIP
Whoa!
BOOM

RUMBLE
ゴオオ・・・
CLENCH!
Th—that whole section of cliff—!
ROAR!
BANG
CRASH
It's totally gone . . . !
SLUMP
HISS

Editor: "Illusion", shortened to "iryuto" (イリュート), is the spell renamed "Muddle" in the English games.

An illusory wall . . . ?
You definitely would *not* have known there was a passage here.
HUFF
I've never seen an Illusion spell as strong as . . . that conjured cliff face.
HUFF
Whatever's in there . . .
HUFF
HUFF
is probably some kind of horrible monster.
HUFF
. . .
You don't say?
ROARING WIND
!?

. . . ?
What is it, Lord Dark?
Oh, nothing . . .
. . . Those *people*.
. . . They actually broke through my Illusion spell . . . ?
Heh heh heh . . .
SMIRK
Just a moment! *Master Dark!*
STOMP
CLUNK
None other than Lord Slash, I see!
What would you ask of your Dark?
SWISH
I enquire on the recent matter . . . involving Lord Nowald.
I would hear your true intentions!
GLOWER

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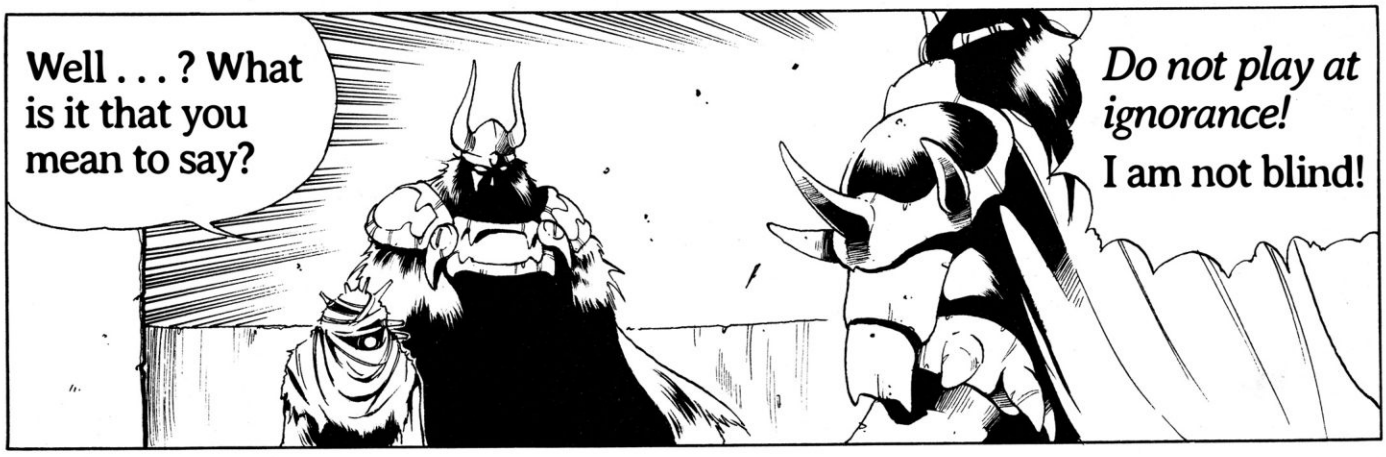

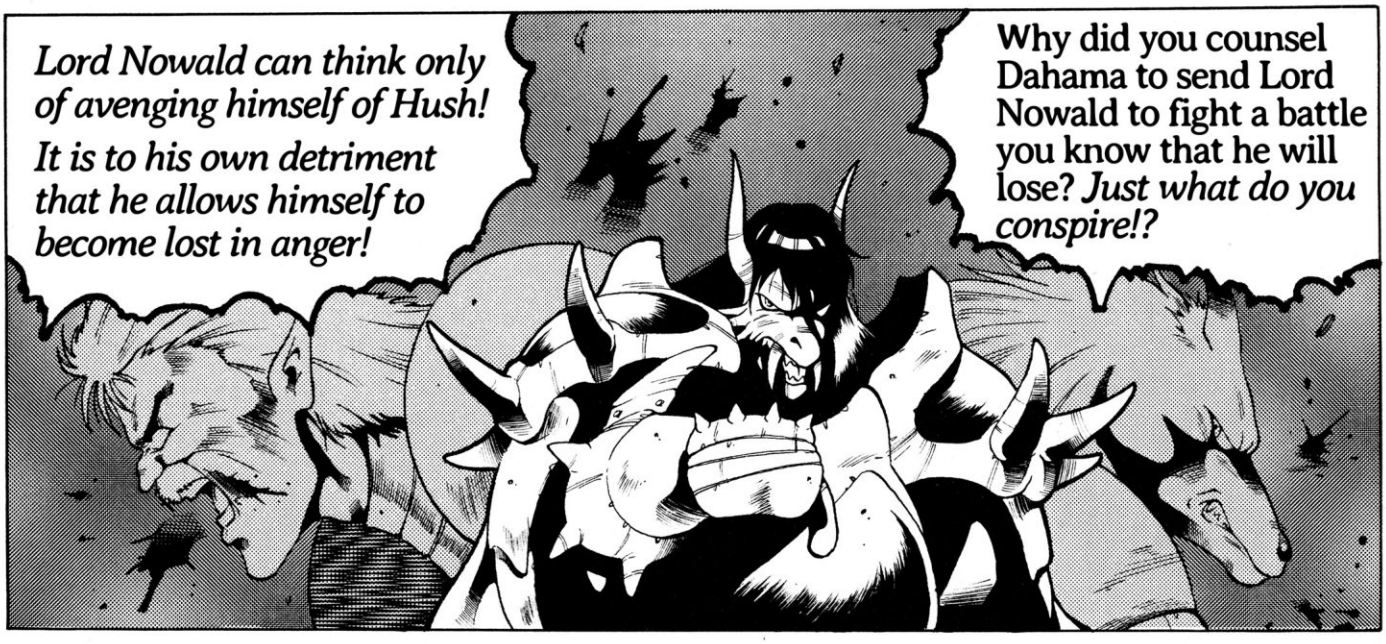
Lord Nowald can think only of avenging himself of Hush!
It is to his own detriment that he allows himself to become lost in anger!
Why did you counsel Dahama to send Lord Nowald to fight a battle you know that he will lose? *Just what do you conspire!?*

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YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)

#7 THE RETURN OF DARK

FOREBODING

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◆ Slash and Dark face off! Just what could this mysterious man's goal be?

The Dark who stands before you *now* would scarcely know a thing about that.
Hmph! Very well, then . . .
However— remember this!
Your designs will not come so easily to fruition as you think!
RAGE
. . . I *do* have urgent business to attend to, and as such, I *must* excuse myself.
STEP
Lord Slash . . .
What?
STEP
Sir! I bring word from a scout under your command . . .
RATTLE

THE STORY SO FAR After felling the foes who stood in their way, Killy and his party of five turn their gaze toward Dahama's headquarters. Though they are allies, Kris fixes her attention on Killy—her father's killer. For his own pride and to avenge his lord, Lord Nowald also pursues Killy. Lord Dark watches portentously. The battle of emotions within the people surrounding Killy rages on.

Lord Dark has sent a battalion from the necromancer brigade to surround Lutecia Castle,
and just a moment ago they launched an all-out assault!
CRASH
Of course, the country of Lutecia doesn't have many mages or soldier monks . . . so it's probably only a matter of time before the castle falls.
One *battalion*? Wasn't it meant to be three platoons?
Um—according to the report, he actually sent in a battalion . . .

CHARACTERS

Killy (Wolfling): The Ashen Devil and a fearsome warrior. The main character of our story.

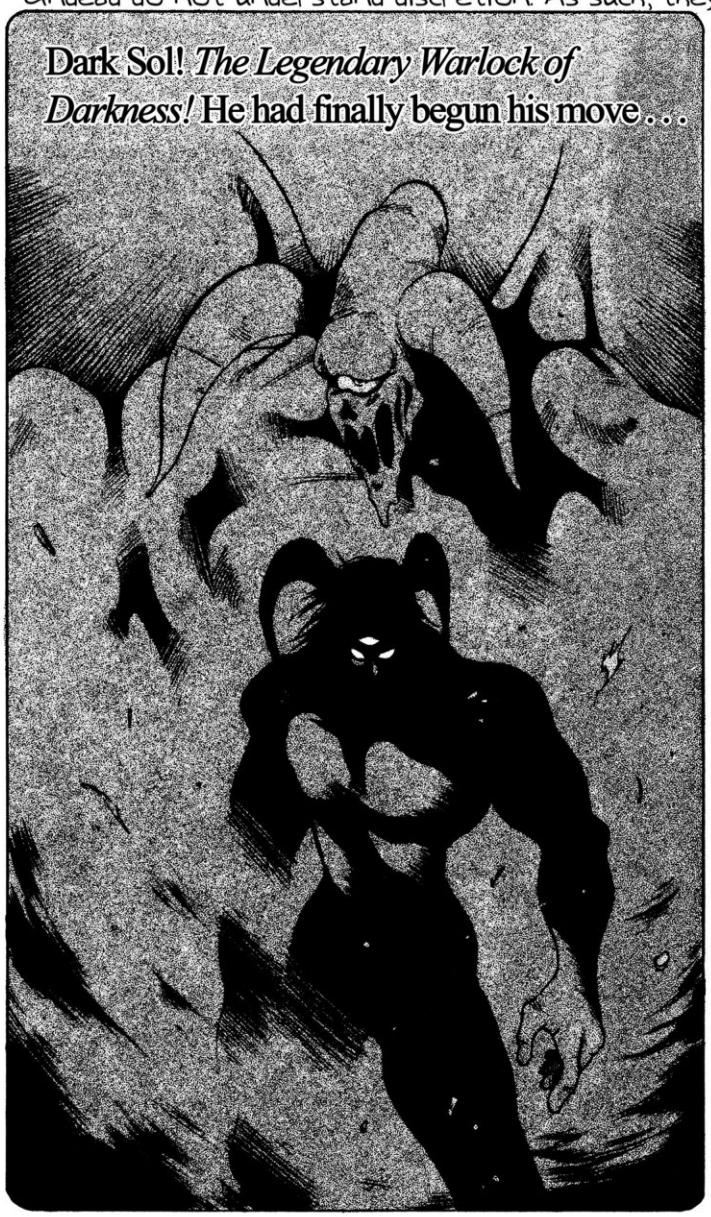
Arms (Blade Tusk): The team's leader. Always calm, cool, and collected.

Jim (Human): Master marksman who wields a giant bowgun. A bit sarcastic.

Kris (Dark Elf): Six years ago, Killy killed her father, and now she wants revenge.

Lord Dark reported to Dahama that he had sent in three platoons to keep them in check . . . *but in truth he had dispatched a battalion of genocide!* Only one man could control a hundred thousand undead soldiers . . .
. . .

Undead do not understand discretion. As such, they completely annihilate their enemies.



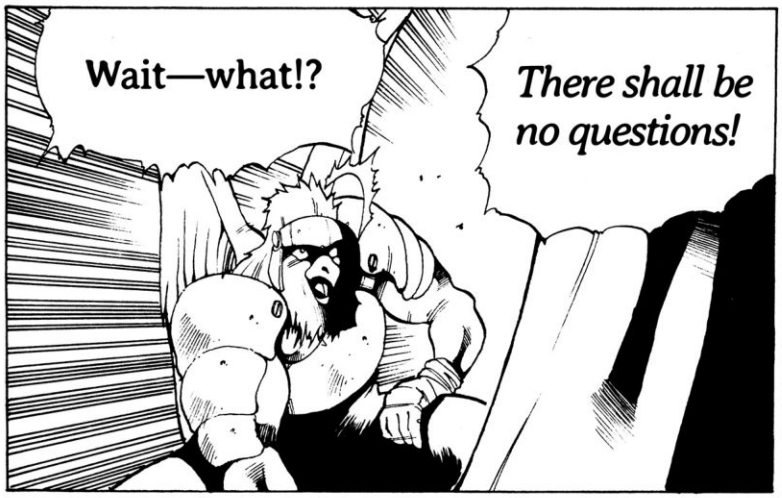
CHARACTERS

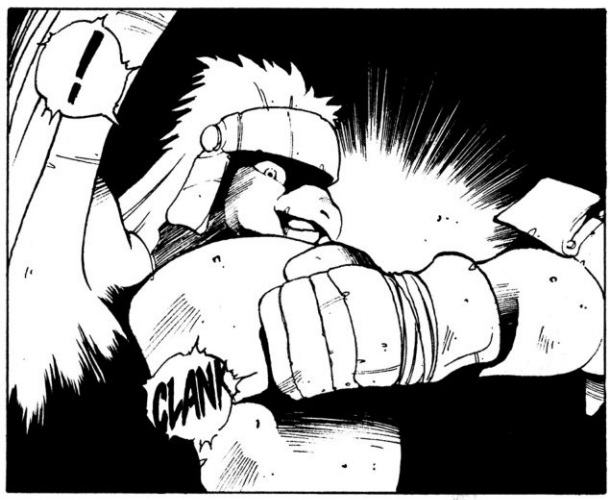
Khamsin (High Lizard): The kind of guy to act before thinking. Prides himself on his power.

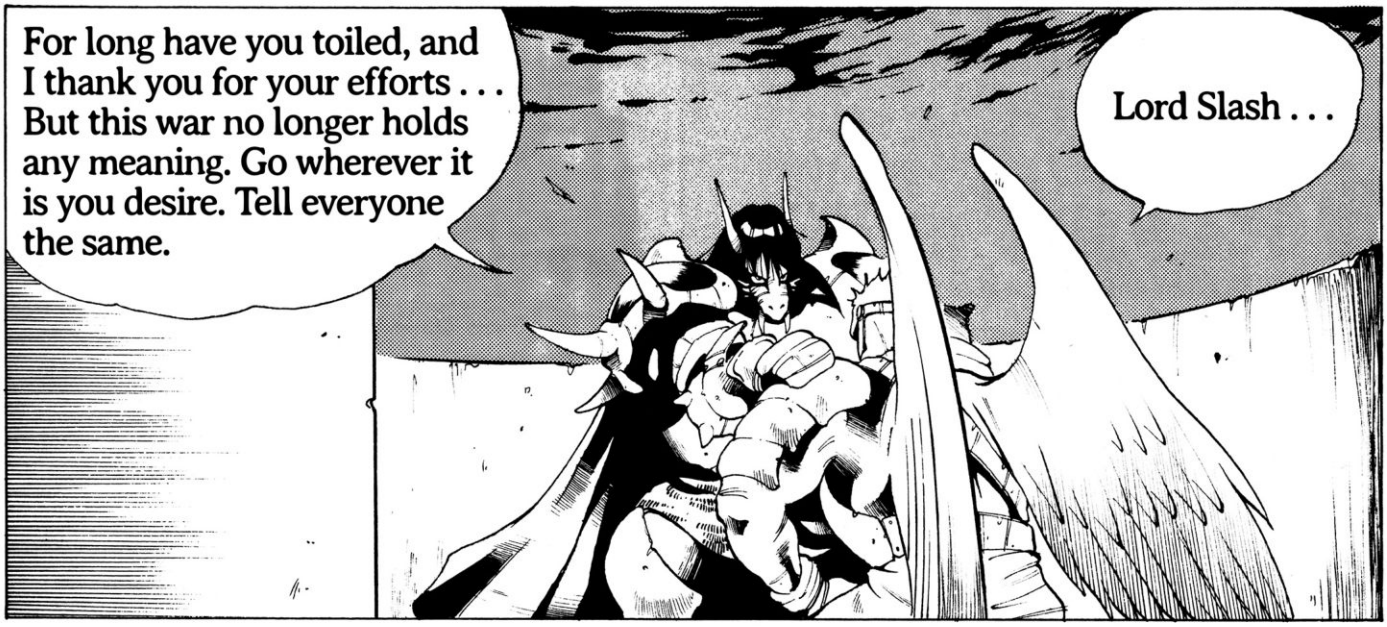
Dahama III: The king of Dahama and the enemy targeted by Killy's party. Seems like a mad king.

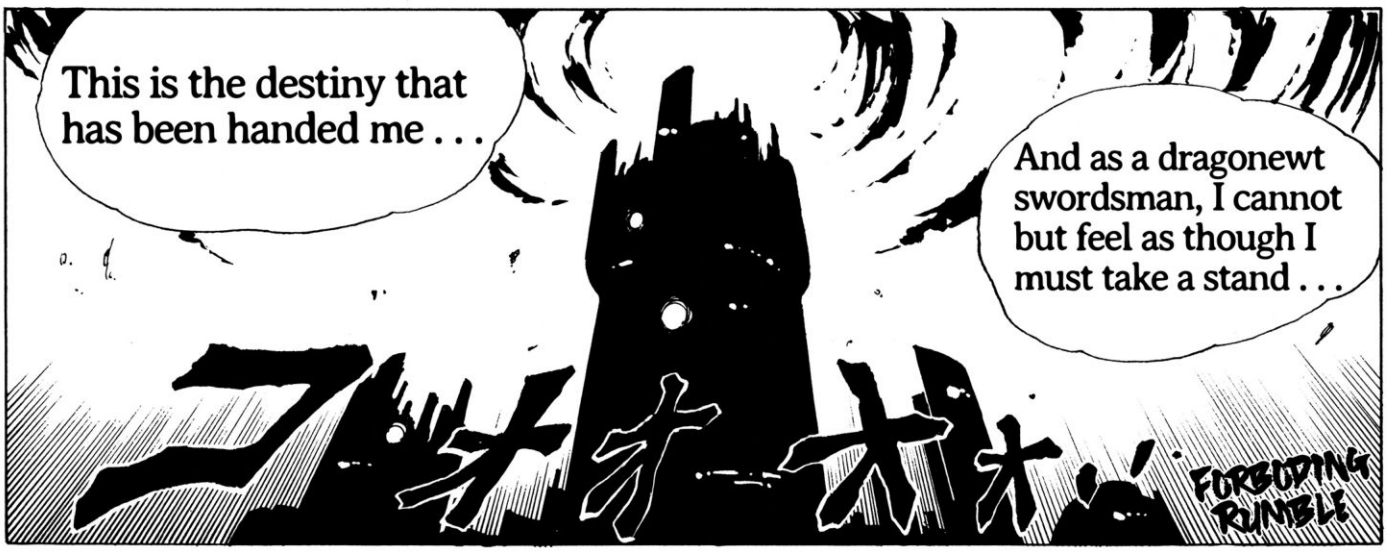
Lord Nowald: Killy defeated his master in the war six years ago. He, too, seeks revenge.

Lord Dark: A diviner working for Dahama. Conspires to use Killy to some end.






For long have you toiled, and I thank you for your efforts . . . But this war no longer holds any meaning. Go wherever it is you desire. Tell everyone the same.
Lord Slash . . .


This is the destiny that has been handed me . . .
And as a dragonewt swordsman, I cannot but feel as though I must take a stand . . .
FORBIDDING RUMBLE

DOOM FAN CLUB

● Fans of *Doom Blade*! Sorry to keep you waiting. Starting next issue, this section becomes the Doom FAN Club corner! In this seventh chapter of the harrowing series, dramatic stakes are rising. Get hyped, everyone!

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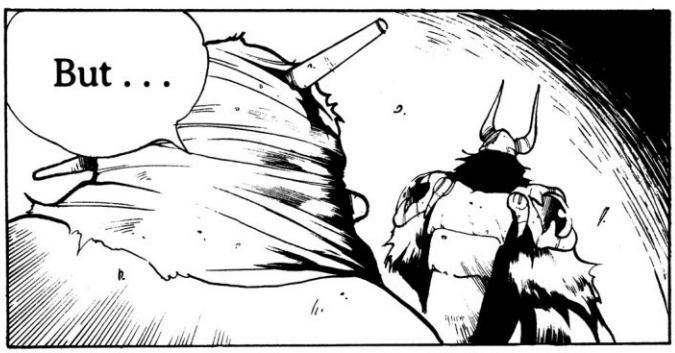

Otranto!
SWIRLING HUM
You're becoming impatient.
Are you taking action, Dark . . . ?
Well . . .
Something to that effect.
While my necromancer brigade was off destroying Lutecia, I thought to use Nowald as bait to lure the Lutecia mercenaries into picking off Dahama, but . . .
It seems I am out of time.
So it goes.
BUZZ

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Aren't you orchestrating Dark Dragon's resurrection in a pretty roundabout way?
HUMMM
Dark Dragon's *resurrection* . . . ?
Do you really think that I of all people would imprison you for something so trite?
Although I will say that Dark Dragon's resurrection *is* one step of the plan . . .
!?
Then . . . what *is* your endgame!?
The great ancient war that scorched the whole of the earth . . .
An encore of the Millennium Nightmare!

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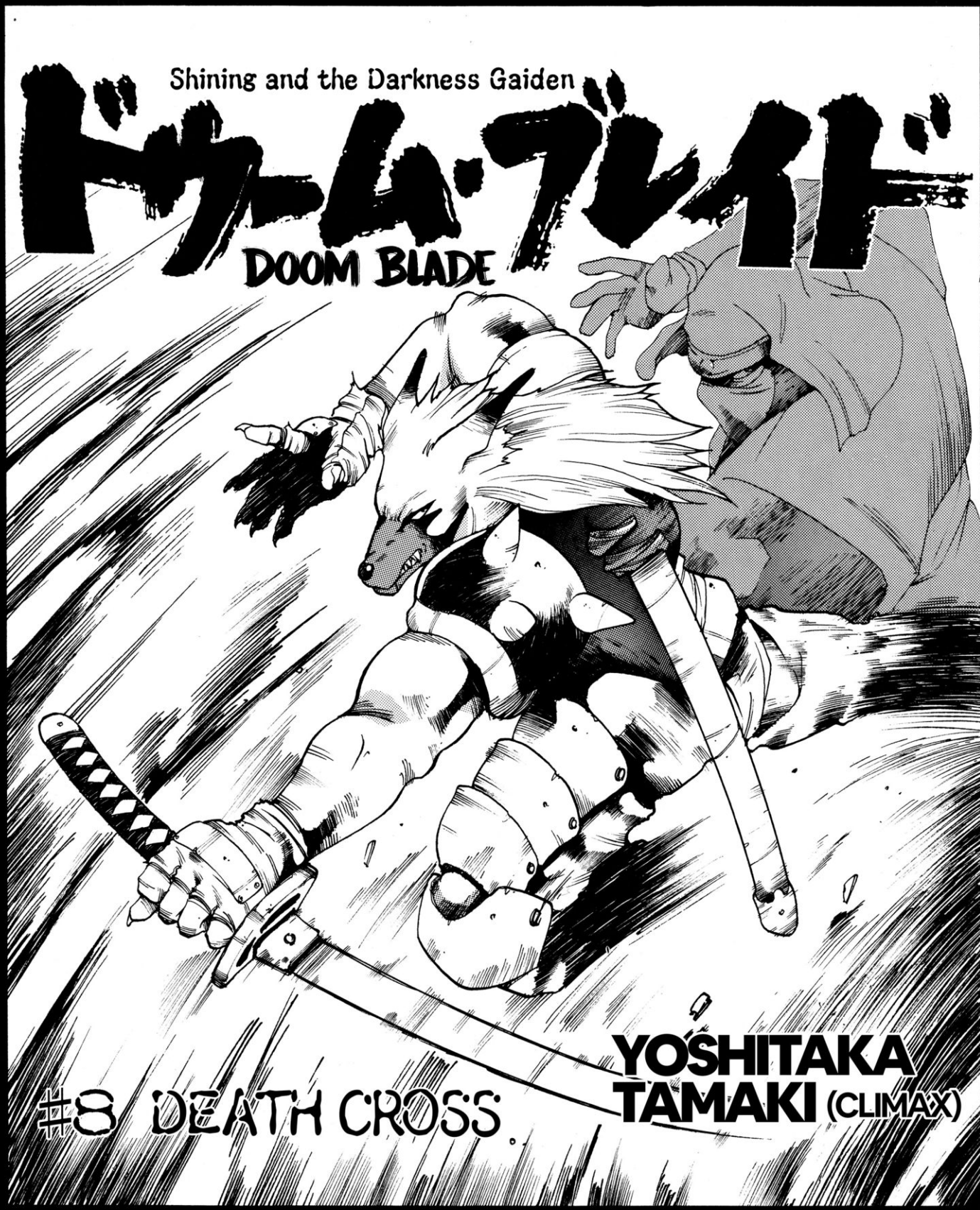

In the beginning, the world was shrouded in Darkness.
God said, "Let there be Light," and Light was born from the Darkness.

TREMOR
ゴゴゴゴ…
The Millennium Nightmare!? Are you serious!? *Dark!*
I am ever so serious.
Tactician Otranto . . .
SCOFF...
Dark Dragon and the Giant of Light are both just so passé these days! Nothing more than ruined husks!
And so it is that yours truly, Dark Sol, shall come to be your one and only absolute ruler!
STING

But what about the Great Intention that created Dark Dragon and the Giant of Light? The Great Intention would step in to uphold the balance of the world.
And the Great Intention is absolute! *That's what you'd be up against!*
Then I shall fight against none other than the Great Intention itself!
And do you know why I fight . . . ? Could it have something to do with that cantaur over there?
SWISH
What!?

STEP 4
Hey, Killy! Are you sure we're going the right way!?
Maybe . . .
What!? What do you mean "maybe"?
I fought for Dahama six years ago.
It's not like I remember everything. . . .
Having a hard time trusting me?
. . .

REVELATORY CUE
STEP
What—? What *is* this place . . . ?
Is this chamber inside the fort?
This room is for the dispensing with of scurrilous invaders such as yourselves!
Ye warriors of Lutecia!
STEP

I deduced that since you knew about the shortcut in the throne room, it was only natural that you would pass this way . . .
フッ!!
SNEER
Hush— the Ashen Devil!
You're that asshole . . . !
You're . . . the Pegasus knight Nowald!
!?

I know you . . .
As a young sorceress, you were in the service of King Claudius—!
Kris!?
"What *happened*?" . . .
And you were one of of Claudius's knights! . . . What happened!?
Dahama's army made me their prisoner of war. I was proffered no other choice . . .
To survive long enough to mete my vengeance, I have had to concede to Dahama entirely.

And there stands Hush, the rightful recipient of my revenge!
For the crime of marring my pride as a warrior . . . I will take your blood!
FLEX
Well, isn't that pathetic! Doesn't sound like much of a life to me . . .
Have you really kept on living just out of hate . . . ?
. . . Then I should have cut your damn head off when I had the chance . . . !
CLINK!

HELLSTEP

The vengeful warden of Hell clashes with the devil at last!

Otranto! You and I are Star Eyes—beings with powerful magic and sight of the future.
. . . *It is a power only you should possess!*
FLINCH!
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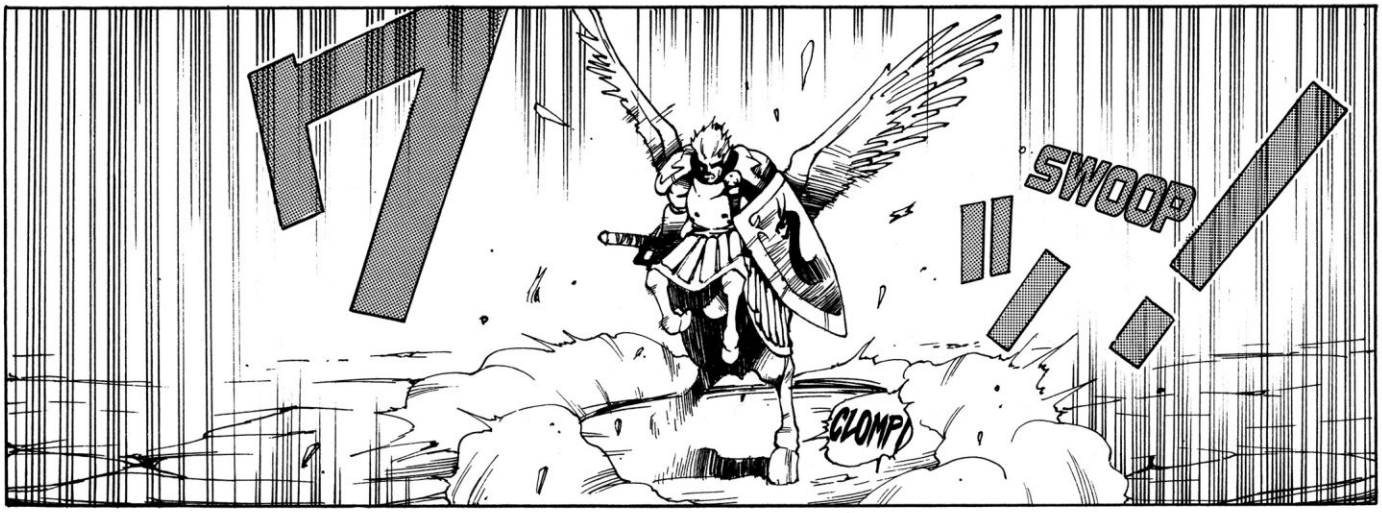
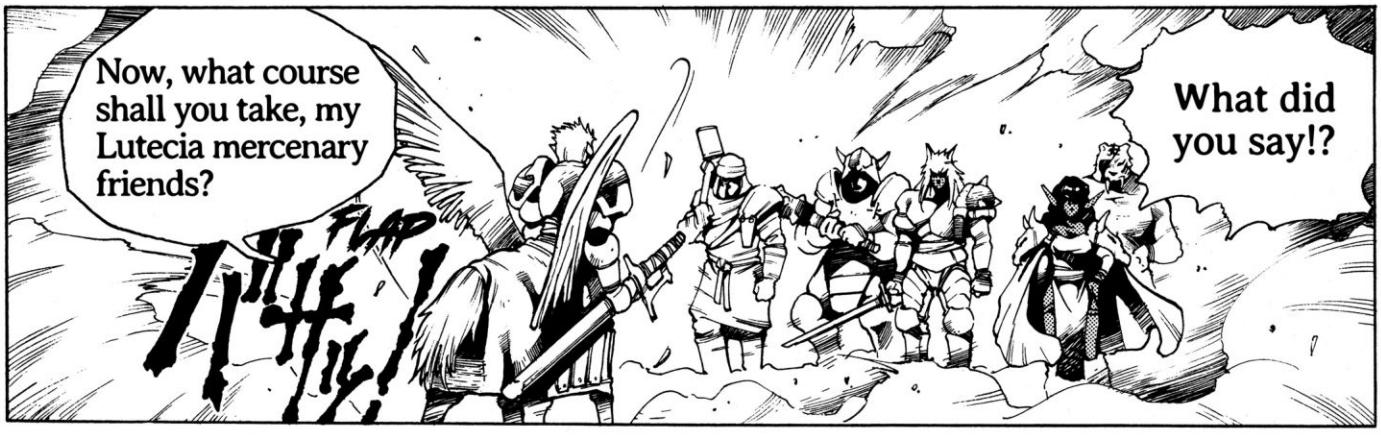
So how do you explain this!? A girl of a trash race like this? *A cantaur!?*
!
Trash like *this* bestowed with a Star Eye . . .
Do you *understand* my *resentment!?*

Dark Sol and Otranto—what history do these two share!?

THUMP
Ahh—!
But *you* were already well aware of this, *weren't you, Otranto!?*
. . .
. . . Ha!
Then let me tell you something!
The Great Intention demands nothing less than the extermination of the seed of the previous age—of Metaphaluna!
SING
If—if that's our fated destiny as Star Eyes, then that's just how it'll have to be.
The singular Dark Sol has attained the power of *self-determination*!
I shall not see myself made a prisoner of fate!


SWOOP
CLOMP!


Now, what course shall you take, my Lutecia mercenary friends?
FLAP
What did you say!?

It is my intention here to settle my grievance with Hush. *However!*
GLARE!

Though it be not my aim to cross swords with the remainder of you . . .
If you seek to live full lives, I would offer that you go back whence you came.
PISSED!

Are you trying to get me to beg for my life . . . ? You arrogant son of a bitch!
CLINK!
Maybe being dead'll round out that personality of yours a little! How about that, *old man*!?
CHUNK
It would seem you don't fully grasp the nature of your predicament.
SCUFF...
CLUNK
. . .
Looks like we're totally surrounded.
SQUEAK
Oh, good! So you planned ahead . . .

● I really want Mr. Naito at Climax to be a major influence on RPGs. Especially for the Mega-CD. (Kyoto-fu / Masaki Kawai) ● Is Yogurt coming to *Doom Blade*? It's basically the same setting and all . . . (Tokyo/Pon) ○ How would you like to see . . . a realistic seven-head tall Yogurt? (Tamaki)

If I'm really the only one you're after, then I hand myself over to you as a prisoner.
Wh—*what* did you say!?
CLANK
Since you're one of Dahama's, I can't really know for sure you won't just kill all my companions.
But for now, why don't you treat me as a prisoner of war?
RATTLE
You ba—*bastard!*
Do you believe this stunt will save you . . . ?
ZING
Or . . . are you saying members of Claudius's knight brigade skewer unresisting opponents?
No, you—*you fiend! I would never—!*

DOOM KEY CLUB

● Could you do a special feature with info on weapons? I really like Jim's bowgun . . . Also, how's he getting more arrows? (Miyagi Prefecture / Raia)

○ It's like you'd think—he picks them back up one by one as he walks. Killy and everyone have been helping too. It's kind of heartwarming. (Tamaki)

Hush! What the hell are you *doing . . . !?*
CLASP
Kris!
Right now . . . *this is our ticket to Dahama!*
WHISPER
Kris is the daughter of the leader of Claudius's sorcerer brigade. It wouldn't do to treat her roughly. She will come with me.
You may throw the rest of these cockroaches in prison!
Hush, you damned Ashen Devil!
I will not permit you a peaceful death!
You shall be torn limb from limb!

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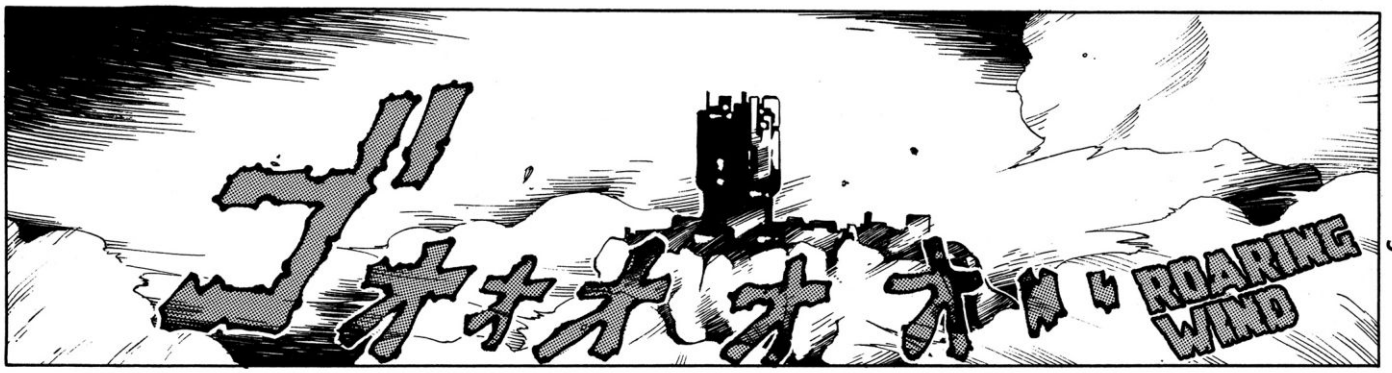
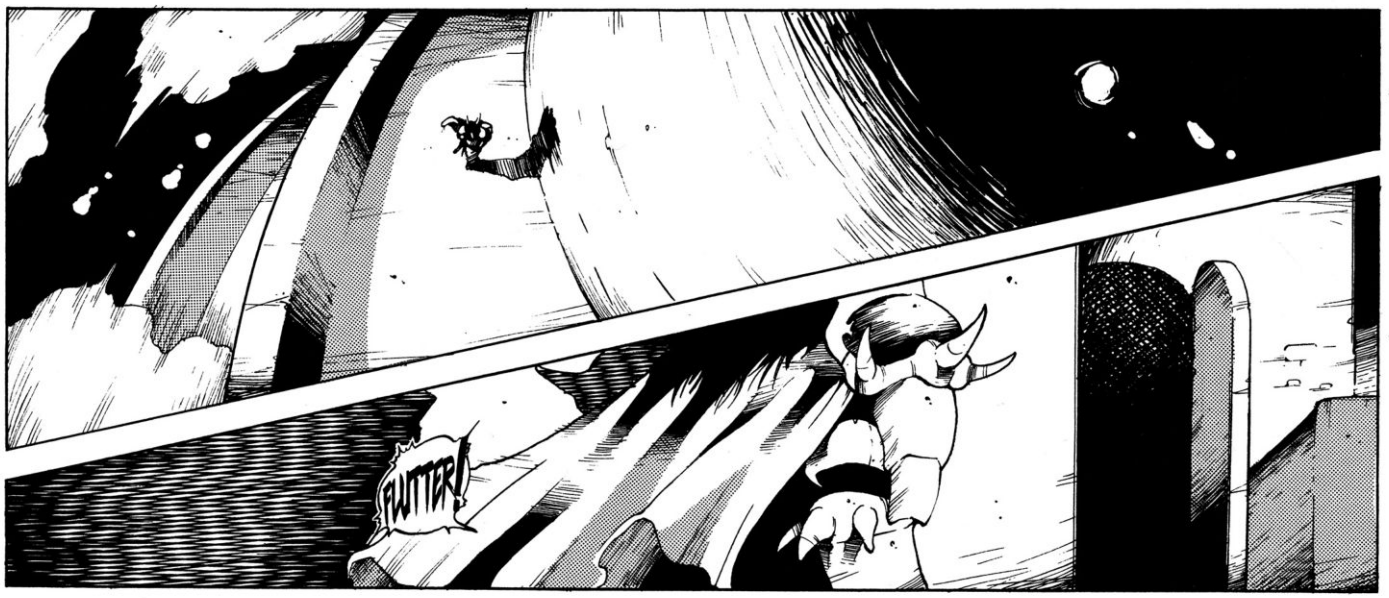




To: 〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7, TIM, *Mega Drive FAN*, Doom FAN Club

Burdening a cantaur girl this young with the fate that comes with having a Star Eye . . .
SNIFFLE
SOB
Is that not too cruel . . . ?
O Great Intention!
SHIFT
!
C—could *you* be . . . ?
STEP!
As you have surmised, that is the legendary sage, the Great Otranto.
. . . I have been awaiting you, Lord Slash.
SWIRL
!
Due to Lord Dark's departure for the purpose of Dahama's elimination, I have been given the honor of meeting with Your Eminence.
CLINK!
CLINK!
I am Lord Dark's manservant. I may be addressed as Drone . . .

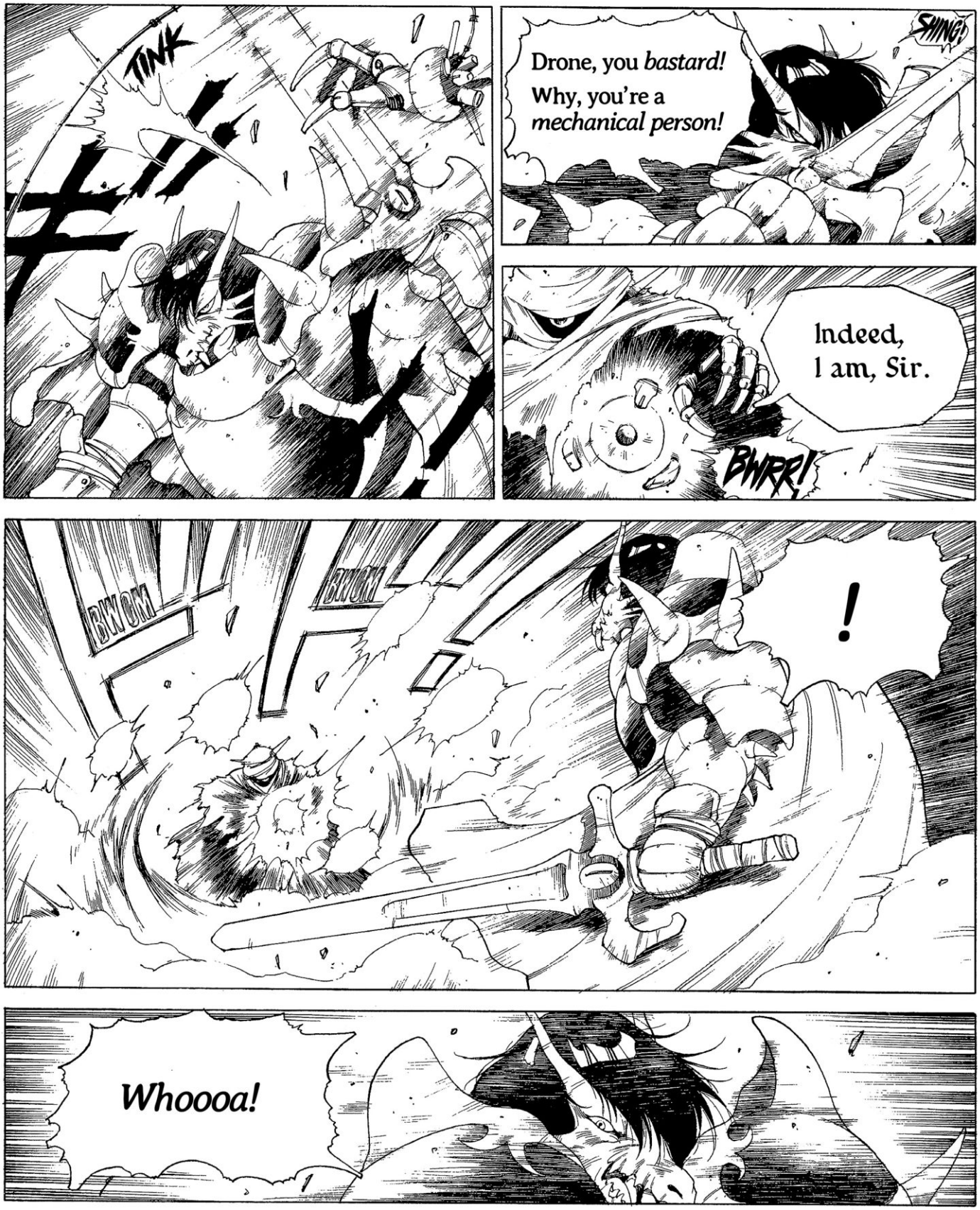
What of Killy's imprisoned party? And what is the truth behind the girl's Star Eye?

TO BE CONTINUED

Slash knows Lord Dark's true identity. An assassin approaches, and a battle for the fate of the world begins!

THE STORY SO FAR

Dark Sol, the Warlock of Darkness, has put his schemes to work to bring a return to the thousand-year war that scorched the entire planet. Meanwhile, although Killy's party had infiltrated Dahama's fortress, Nowald staged an ambush that made them all his prisoners. At the same time, the only one who knows Dark's secret, Slash, is accosted by the assassin, Drone.



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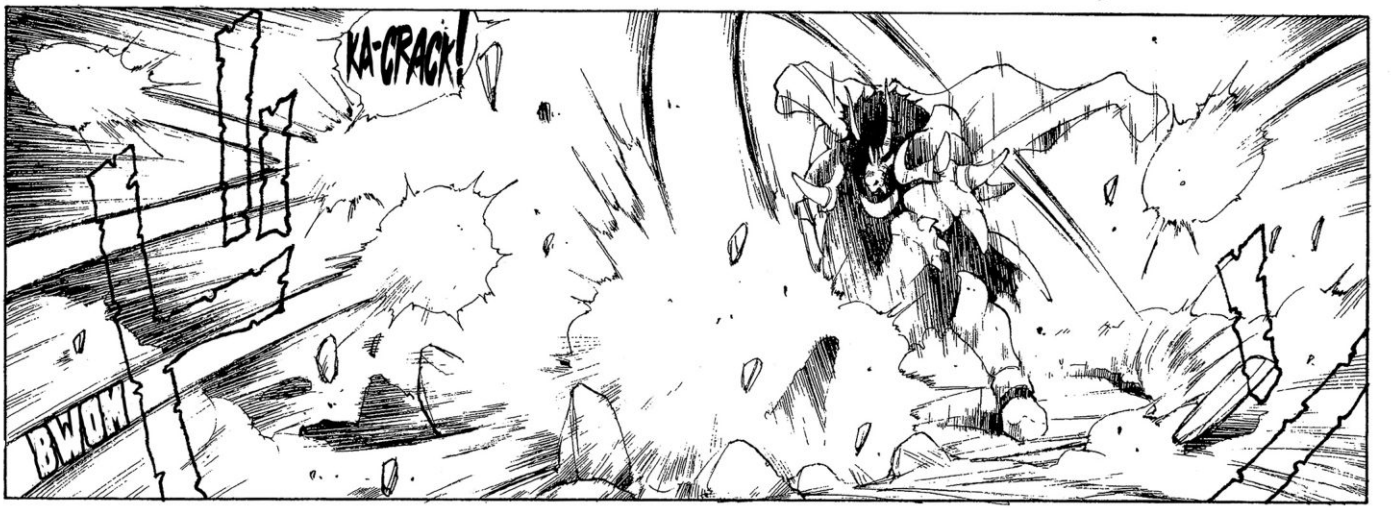
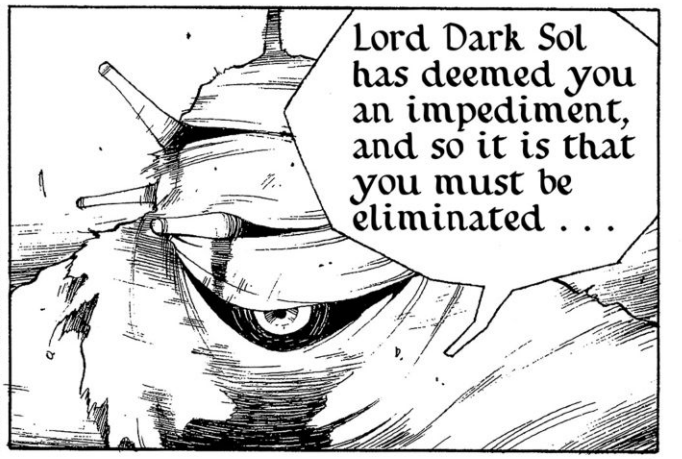
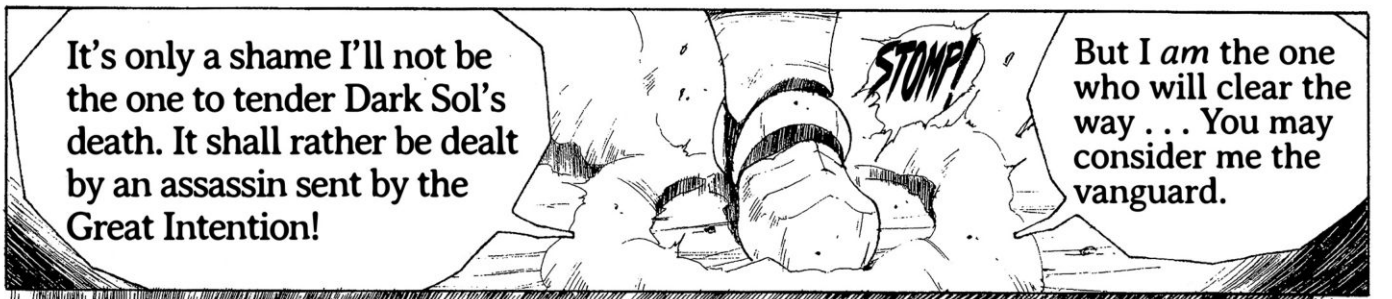
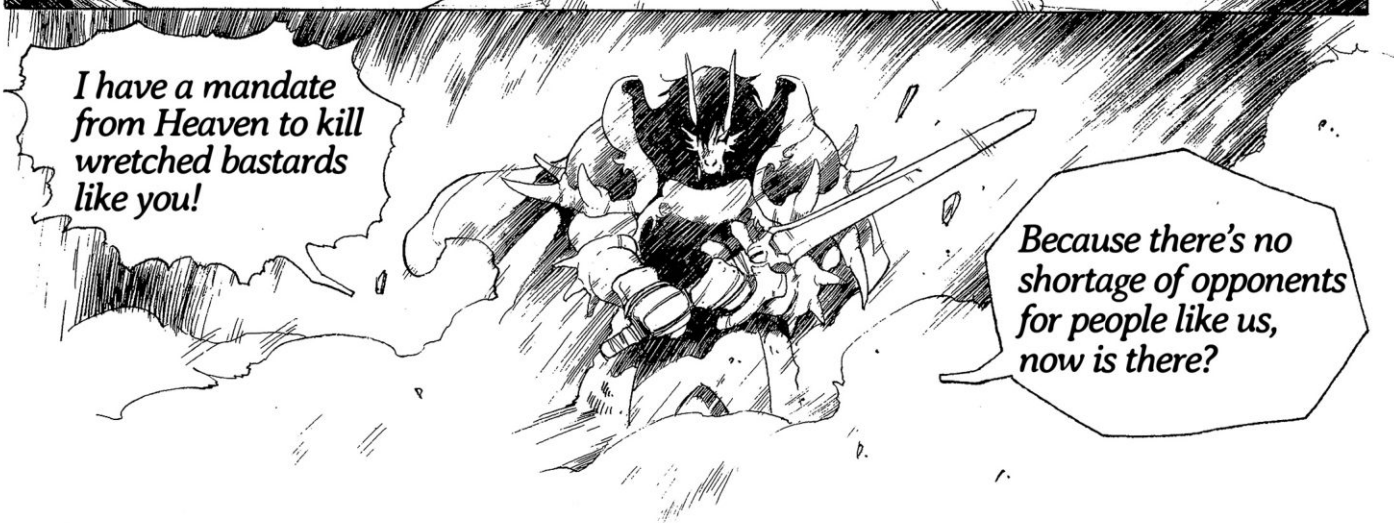
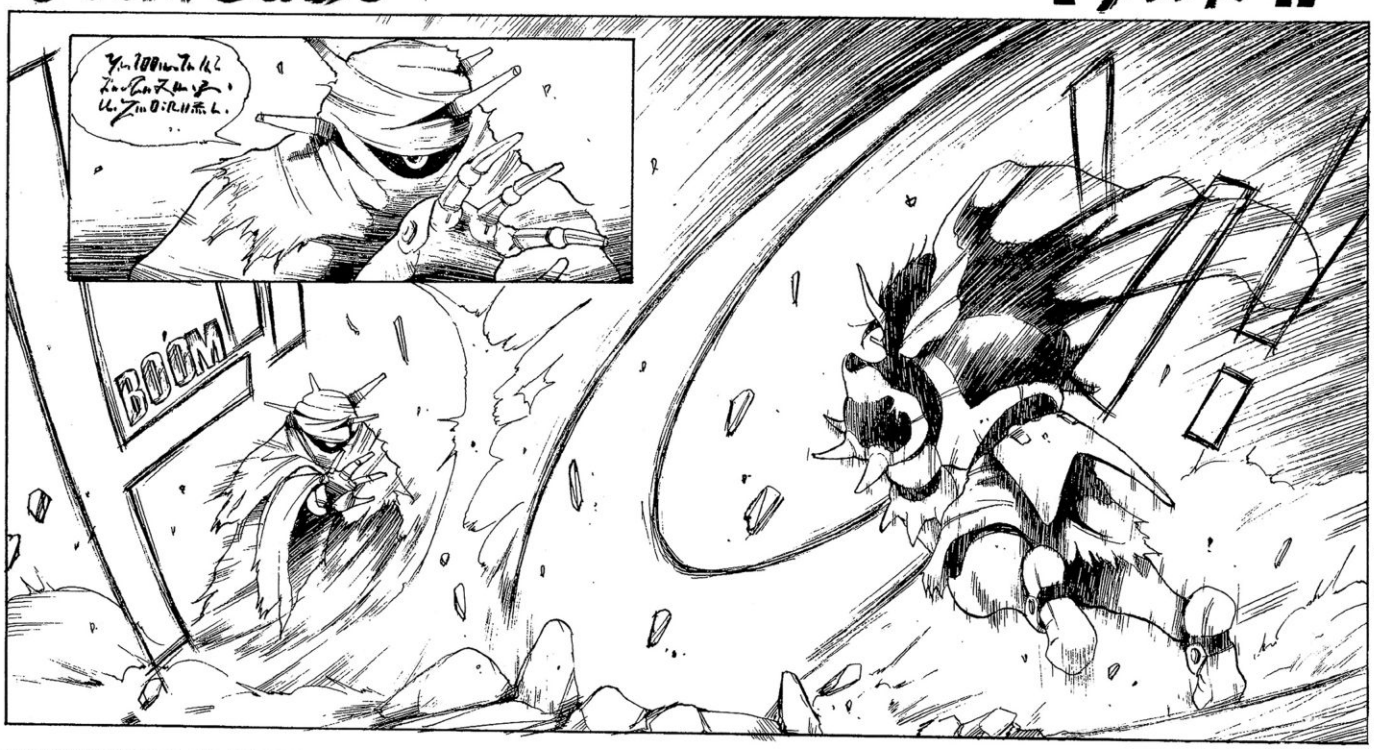





It's only a shame I'll not be the one to tender Dark Sol's death. It shall rather be dealt by an assassin sent by the Great Intention!
STOMP!
But I *am* the one who will clear the way . . . You may consider me the vanguard.

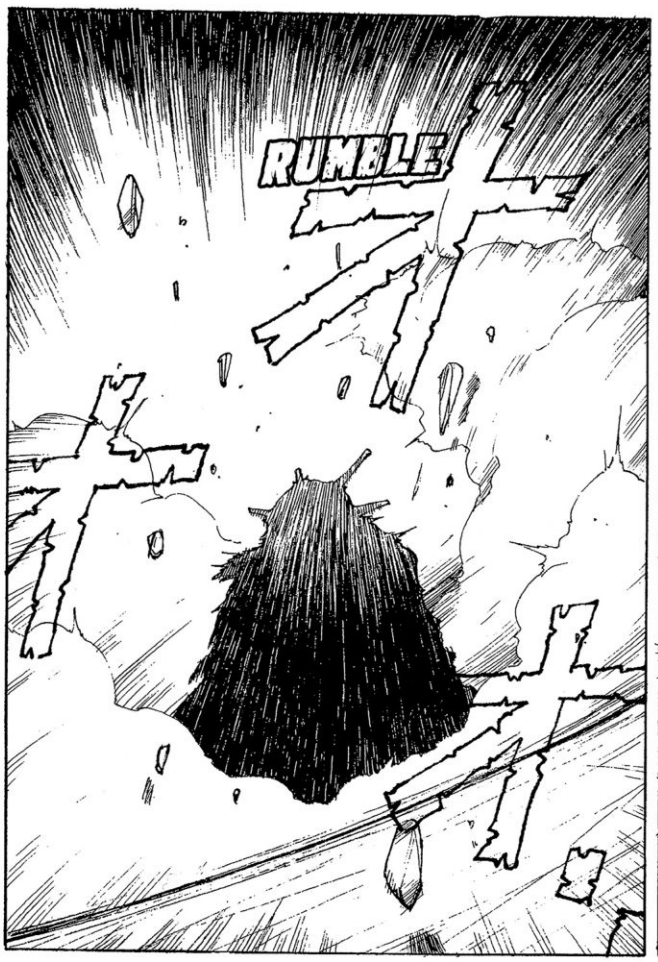

I have a mandate from Heaven to kill wretched bastards like you!
Because there's no shortage of opponents for people like us, now is there?

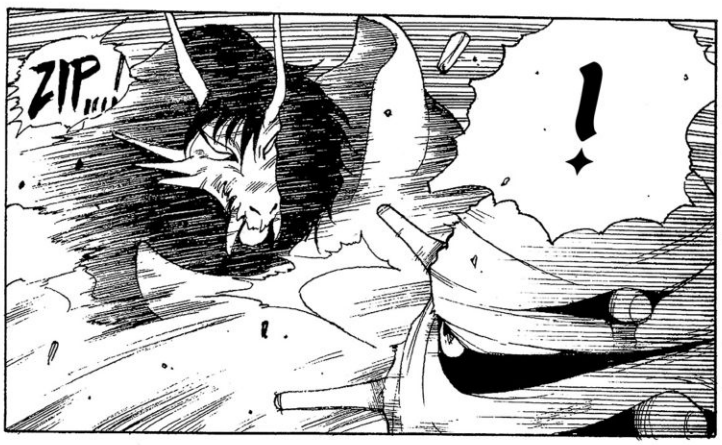
I have not a single complaint whatsoever.
It is my honor to be here.
BRRW
I am exceedingly grateful to be given the opportunity to take your life, Lord Slash.
SHISH!
Get wrecked, *Drone!*
I shall cut you down!



TAMAKI CATCH-UP

The other day, I was lucky enough to catch sight of a *Shining Force* fan publication [*doujinshi*]. As someone who was involved in the making of the original work, I'm extremely happy to see the support of so many people. Thank you so much, everyone. Please let me know what you think after reading *Doom Blade*!





FWOOM
!
SWIMP!
To think that I, Slash, would have been so poorly esteemed as to be pitted against this manservant.
TWITCH
Heh heh heh . . .
I had allowed myself to completely forget that you were a Dragonewt.
KA-THUNK
!

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How careless of me. So as to show you no disrespect, Lord Slash, I shall unleash for you the fullest extent of my power.
TICK... TICK...
CREAK
Your persistence shall yield only further defeat!
Now, now . . . I must tell you that I find that assertion quite dubious.
GRIN...
!
ZOOM!
Ugh—!
SPROING
Your prided sword can do little for you in this state.
SQUEEZE
ギ!!
ギ!!
ギ!!

To: 〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7, TIM, *Mega Drive FAN*, Doom FAN Club

This has turned into quite the anticlimactic fall of the curtain, Lord Slash.
Our match has *not* been decided *yet*, Drone!
What is this business that you bring so urgently before me, Dark!?
Well . . .
Dahama, Your Excellency. As you have already played your role in my plot, I had thought it best to come here and take your life . . .
SNORT!!
What!?
It seems the facts continue to elude you, servant!
For what I, *Dark Sol*, am *trying* to tell you is . . .
BUZZ!!
You are nothing more than trash to me!

Dark Sol hastens to bring to fruition his goal of the Millennium Nightmare!
Will the world become steeped in darkness once more?

TO BE CONTINUED

You say that you would take my life!?
CREAK
Is it this throne that you want? *Well, Dark?*
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DOOM BLADE
YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)
#11 EMETH
(HEBREW: "TRUTH")
I hardly desire anything so quaint as your throne.
However . . .
The matter of your death is *not* negotiable, you bastard!
Utter *nonsense!*
BOOM

Fire in the heavens, destruction on earth; fear and despair among the people. I am the warlock named Dark Sol.

A shockwave . . . ? Such cheap magic *would* suit a cretin like *you*.
And still the imbecile prattles on!
GRIN...
Why shouldn't the incomparable Dark Sol speak?
It's far more amusing this way.
FWOOSH!
Someone so puerile *couldn't possibly* be the fabled Warlock of Darkness!

THE STORY SO FAR Dark Sol had set a trap for Slash. In an attempt to kill him, he sent his manservant Drone to stage a surprise attack. Slash was forced into an onerous fight against the mechanical-bodied Drone. At the same time, Dark Sol took the next step in enacting his plan to realize another Thousand-Year War by turning his sinister designs toward Dahama.

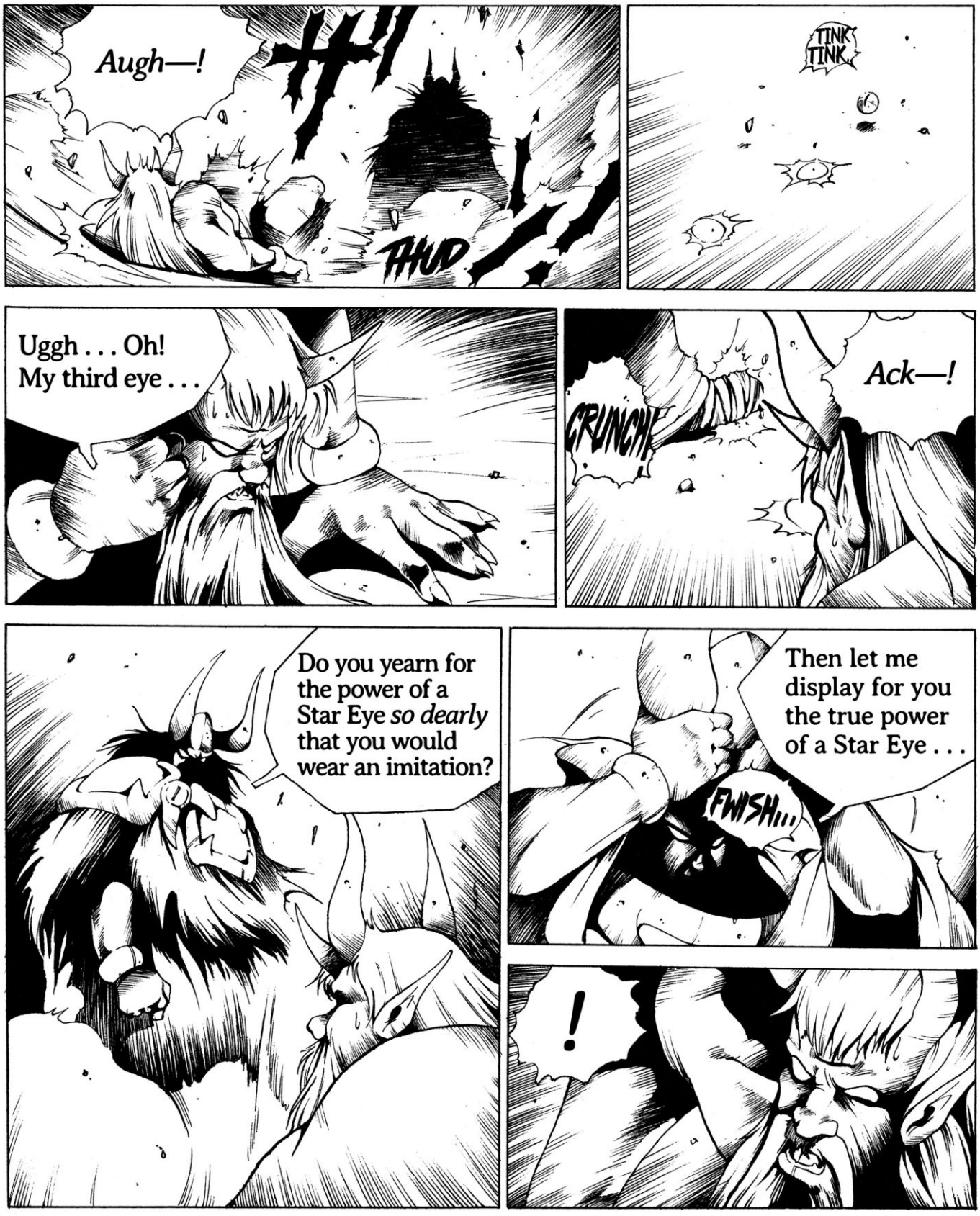
WHOOM
Hmph . . . ! Have you really gone and died already?
If *that* is the most your vacuum magic can do against me . . .
PROOF
!
Then allow me to demonstrate how *my* magic compares.
TREMOR
Waaugh—!

TAMAKI CATCH-UP

It's such a relief that development is complete on *Landstalker: The Emperor's Treasure*. Have you all played it yet? Please be sure to tell me what you think about it. In other news, I finally bought a NEO·GEO. I'm so pleased with it! ♡ I'm sure I'm playing nonstop as you read this.

Gah—!
SMASH
Ugh!
STOMP
You don't even know your place, you detestable thing!
You are a damned servant!
To think . . . that you really are Dark Sol!
If they find out I have been resurrected, the Apostles of Light will no doubt act.
And I need just a trifle longer to assemble my army of Darkness.
You amount to nothing more than cover for me, vermin!
SMACK

● Question for Tamaki: If Kris had white hair in Chapter 1, when did she dye it black? (Saitama Pref. / Mankichi) ○ As it would so happen, Killy bleached her whole body. (Tamaki) ● The girl being tormented by Dark Sol looks a little like Chip. She's cute... (Kanagawa Pref. / Touru Nataka)


Augh—!
THUD
TINK
TINK
Uggh . . . Oh!
My third eye . . .
Ack—!
CRUNCH!
Do you yearn for the power of a Star Eye *so dearly* that you would wear an imitation?
Then let me display for you the true power of a Star Eye . . .
FWISH...
!

DOOMERS CLUB

○As you may have noticed, next month's issue will be the one-year anniversary of *Doom Blade*'s serialization! And it's thanks to all the fans who've shown their gracious support. So we're planning a big giveaway to celebrate! Details will follow in next month's issue, so keep an eye out for it!

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SWIRL
Woagh—!
Such . . .
Such magic—!
An original spell devised by who else but *me—Dark Sol!* Your type of wretch has no hope against such a monster. *AHA HA HA—!*
Gaaaugh!
POP

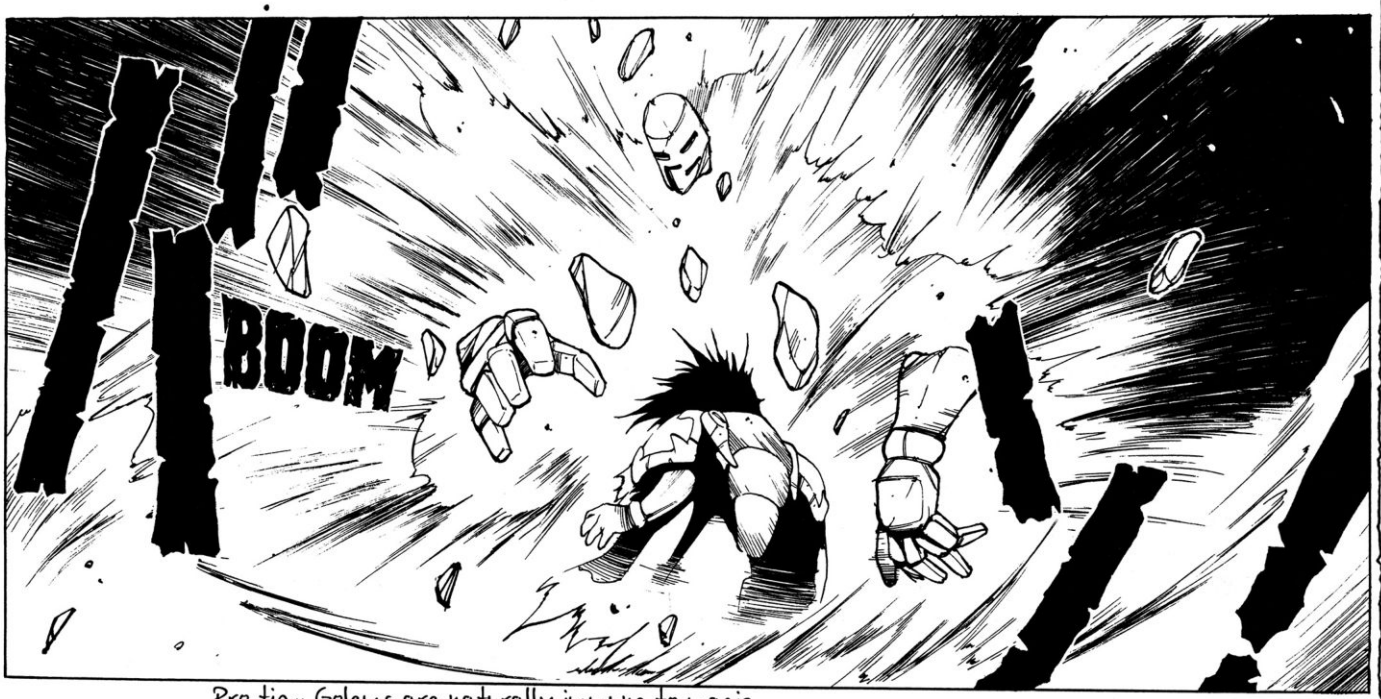
To: 〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7, TIM, *Mega Drive FAN*, Doom FAN Club

Dahama's golems have answered his call. Can they stand against Dark Sol?

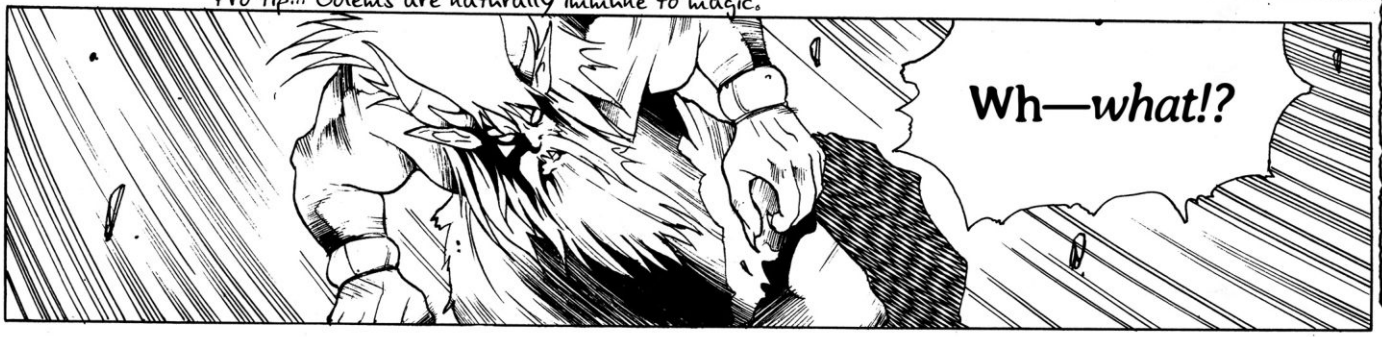
TO BE CONTINUED

The highly acclaimed serial has reached its one-year anniversary! This story of Light and Dark is building steadily toward its climax!

TAMAKI CATCH-UP It's time for that end-of-the-year rush to buy all the newest and most anticipated titles. I always take the opportunity to go on a spending spree myself, but then I never really have the time to play all ten thousand games I end up with. Will I ever break this vicious cycle? *(Cries . . .)*



Pro tip... Golems are naturally immune to magic.



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● If Otranto's third eye were covered by a bandage, would it make Otranto weaker? (Chiba Pref. / Fumi Kurihara) ○"Come to me, Red Condor!"... No, that's a different character. (Tamaki). ● I like Knight Commander Nowald even if he is an old man. He's a great, cool dandy! (Hokkaido/Papan)

BOOMERANG CLUB

●Of course, since this is a Climax product, the characters are all Tamaki-sensei's! But please don't kill off Lord Slash . . . (Gifu Pref. / Nasuno Yoichi) ○The previous message was excerpted from a three-page letter from regular contributor Otranto. (Tamaki) ●I want a compilation of Tamaki-sensei's illustrations to be published. (Akita Pref. / Satako Takahashi) ○I get that request a lot. (Tamaki)

DOOM CLUB

Doom Blade's one-year serialization anniversary announcement: Five people will win an original *Doom Blade* print signed by Tamaki-sensei. Write to 〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7, TIM, *Mega Drive FAN* Office, Tamaki-sensei's Giveaway Clerk. The cut-off for entry is Jan. 7.

WOOSH
My go—golem is obeying someone else's orders . . . !
Such is the nature of *your* kind of magic.
You placed commands in the mouths of these golems, didn't you . . . ?
So if one of them were to have its head blown off, the spell would come to an end!
Although in the case of someone more like *myself*, their heads are not so essential.
. . . Now *go*!
Y—you bastard!
Just what are you planning to do?

Mail Yoshitaka Tamaki and the Doom FAN Club!

〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7
TIM, *Mega Drive FAN*, *Doom Blade* Clerk

Unexpected trespassers approach Dark following his triumph. Will they become Dahama's unforeseen saviors in his desperate time of need!?

TO BE CONTINUED

◆Dark launches a ruthless psychic attack on the unlucky witnesses to Dahama's assassination!

オオオオ
HOWL
TREMBLE...
Huh . . . ? Yeesh!
The insects of Hell devour you!
Now, die!
HEARTBEAT
Hyeaugh!
BOOM

PLOP
PLOP
Hgh . . .
Ggahh . . .
SHIVER
Lor—Lord Dark—
Lord Daaark!
SPRINT!
Humph . . . So a piece of trash has blown away. But sooner or later, you *will* serve me.
O chaotic dead! Here shall you be resurrected and fulfill my demand!
BUZZ

MOOOAN
GNASH
GNASH...
Ye risen dead!
Sate your lust for the flesh of the living!
Go forth, and expand your ranks!
Do not pass by even a single living soul!
GNASH...
GNASH
MOOOAN
Go now, O dead!
Transform this fort into a realm of putrefaction . . . !

Forget about my past. I'm a mercenary for Lutecia now. But for some reason . . .

Here you are giving special treatment to an enemy combatant . . .
So what exactly are you thinking?

This particular hostile rates a great deal of leeway. For in spite of everything, is she not the daughter of the sorcerer brigade's commander?
When you put it that way, it sounds like I should be honored . . .

I have not remained alive so long for the sole aim of exacting my revenge . . . !
. . . Oh, yeah?
GLARE
ギロ…
Of course, I do have . . . *Hush* on my mind. The man must repay the debt that he owes me.
However, I . . .
I, Nowald, have a truer calling.
For I shall restore the Kingdom of Claudia!
!

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DRAMATIC STING!
But King Claudius didn't leave any heirs!
. . . That's a ridiculous conceit—*restoring a monarchy that doesn't have any royals*!

And that's not even considering how the Storm Kingdom would react. With all the power they have now, they wouldn't exactly just *let it happen*!

Its founder would be made king. Which is to say that *I myself would be made king*!
I will establish a tentative peace with the Storm Kingdom . . .
And then once I have mustered the full might of my military, *I shall lay Storm in ruin in a single breath*!

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So you're seriously determined to keep this war going . . . !?
GRIT!
It is a matter of course. And that is why I require a sorcerer as talented as yourself . . .
Will you not *join me* in this? At any rate, it would seem as though you are not now in any position to refuse . . .
MENACING HUM
You think you can just threaten me into doing whatever you want!?
You really shouldn't underestimate me.
And don't forget that Hush is my father's enemy too!
I'm not about to let someone like you be the one to kill him!

◆He was once a proud knight who galloped among the heavens.
Why is he now carried by wings so tainted by hatred?

TO BE CONTINUED

◆Nowald makes an unexpected admission to an agitated Kris. Is the Ashen Devil not her father's true enemy?

The Ashen Devil is my father's nemesis!
So if anyone's going to kill him, it's me!
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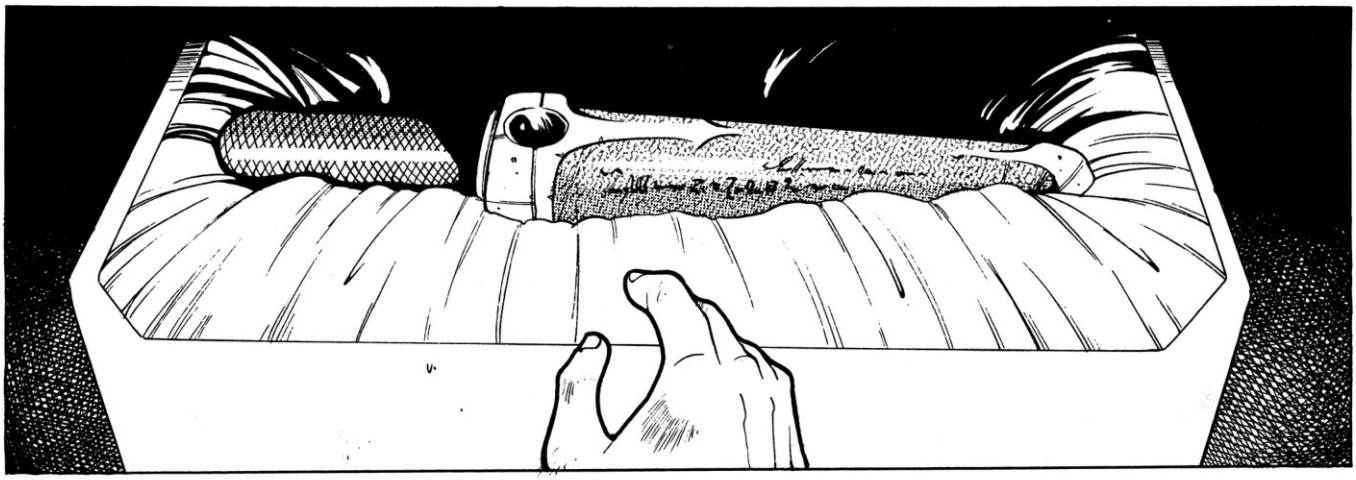
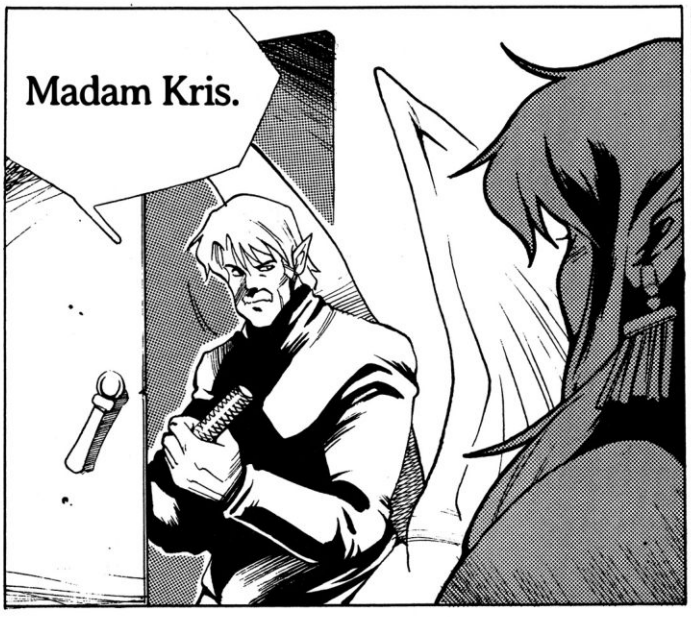
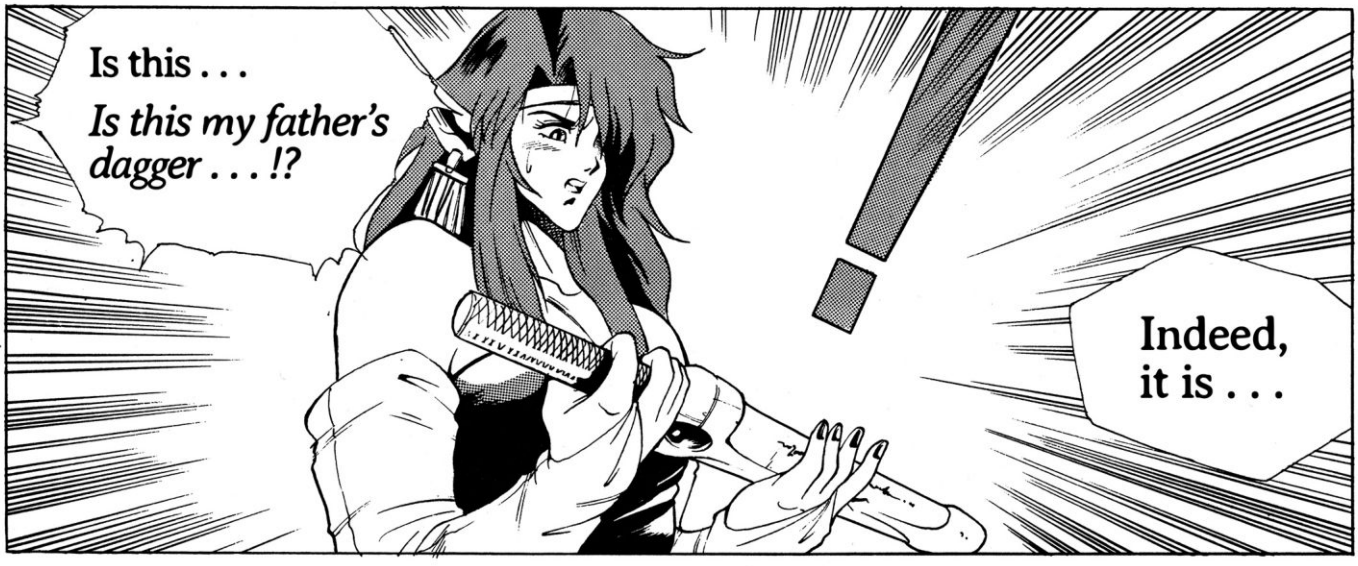
DOOM BLADE
YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)
#14 SWORD OF DESTINY DOOM BLADE
?
You believe that Lord Carsel—your father—fell to Hush's hand . . . ?
But that isn't true!
I am certain that Lord Carsel took his own life when the castle crumbled . . .
!?

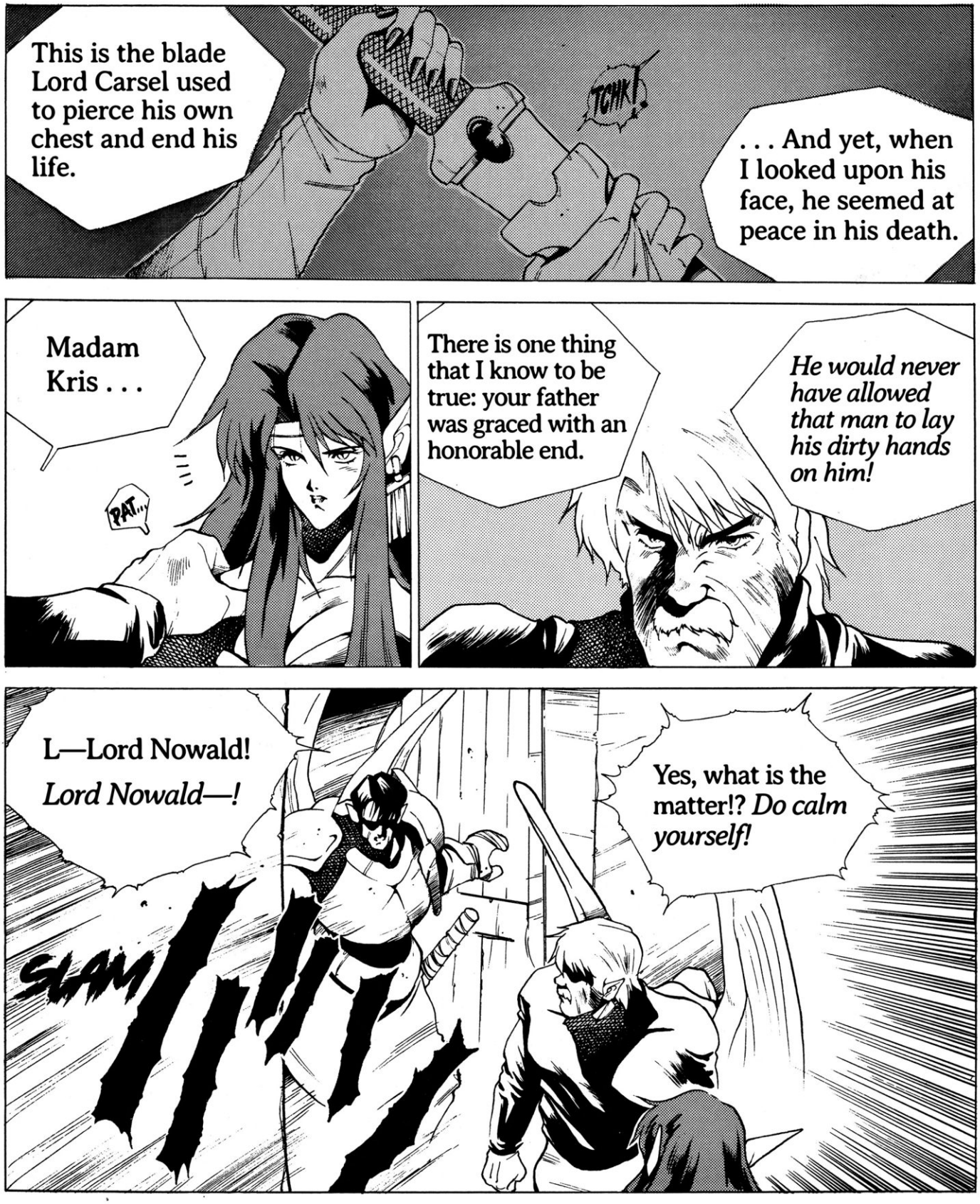
Wh—*why* would you spin a line of bullshit like *that* . . . ?
Are you trying to mess with me!?
• • •
As for the *motive* behind Lord Carsel's suicide . . .
That I cannot possibly now know . . .
If he had thought that it would come down to a death at the hands of Hush . . .
CLICK
. . . It seems possible that he might have preferred his own terms.
BREAK

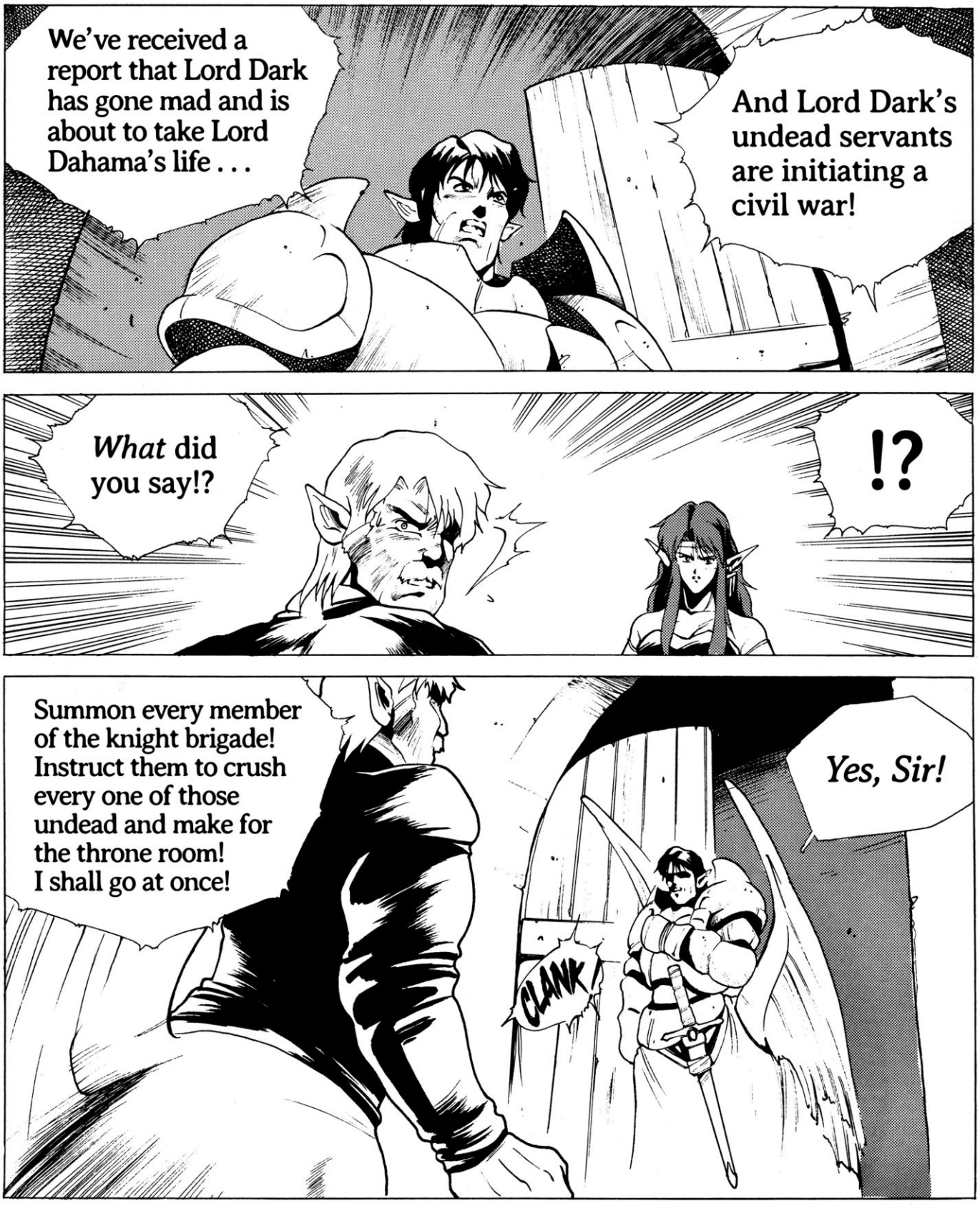



Madam Kris.

?
You should have this . . .


Is this . . .
Is this my father's dagger . . . !?
!
Indeed, it is . . .


This is the blade Lord Carsel used to pierce his own chest and end his life.
TCHK!
. . . And yet, when I looked upon his face, he seemed at peace in his death.
Madam Kris . . .
PAT...
There is one thing that I know to be true: your father was graced with an honorable end.
He would never have allowed that man to lay his dirty hands on him!
L—Lord Nowald!
Lord Nowald—!
SLAM
Yes, what is the matter!? Do calm yourself!


We've received a report that Lord Dark has gone mad and is about to take Lord Dahama's life . . .
And Lord Dark's undead servants are initiating a civil war!
What did you say!?
!?
Summon every member of the knight brigade! Instruct them to crush every one of those undead and make for the throne room! I shall go at once!
Yes, Sir!
CLANK!

Hey! How long are you planning on keeping us down here!?
Yo! *Jailer!* Can't you hear what I'm saying? *Fucking asshole!*
SatD...
BANG
Woah!
You're a noisy son of a bitch, you know that? You want me to speed up your execution?
GRR!
You're pretty self-important for someone who can't do anything unless your boss tells you to.
Wh—*what* was that!?

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Oh, would you just *shut up*, Jim!? Stop shouting!
Damn it! What a disaster.
TSK!
But we're all real grateful, aren't we? Can't you tell, *Killy*!?
Knock it off, Khamsin! What Killy did back there was justified given what we were up against.
LUNGE
Oh, is that right? I'm not kidding around here, you know!

To: 〒105 Tokyo Prefecture, Minato Ward, Shinbashi 4-10-7, TIM, *Mega Drive FAN*, Doom FAN Club Clerk

◆ In the oppressive atmosphere that precedes their executions, a mysterious voice reaches Killy's ears. What destiny awaits?

I'm holding it against this guy! You know why? Because even though we don't have anything to do with him, they're probably going to execute us too!
TWITCH
. . . !?
Hear my voice, my master, O warrior whose heart pumps royal Bastork blood.
!?
As Darkness stirs, so do I awake . . . My name is Doom Blade—the Sword of Destiny. Unleash now my power . . .

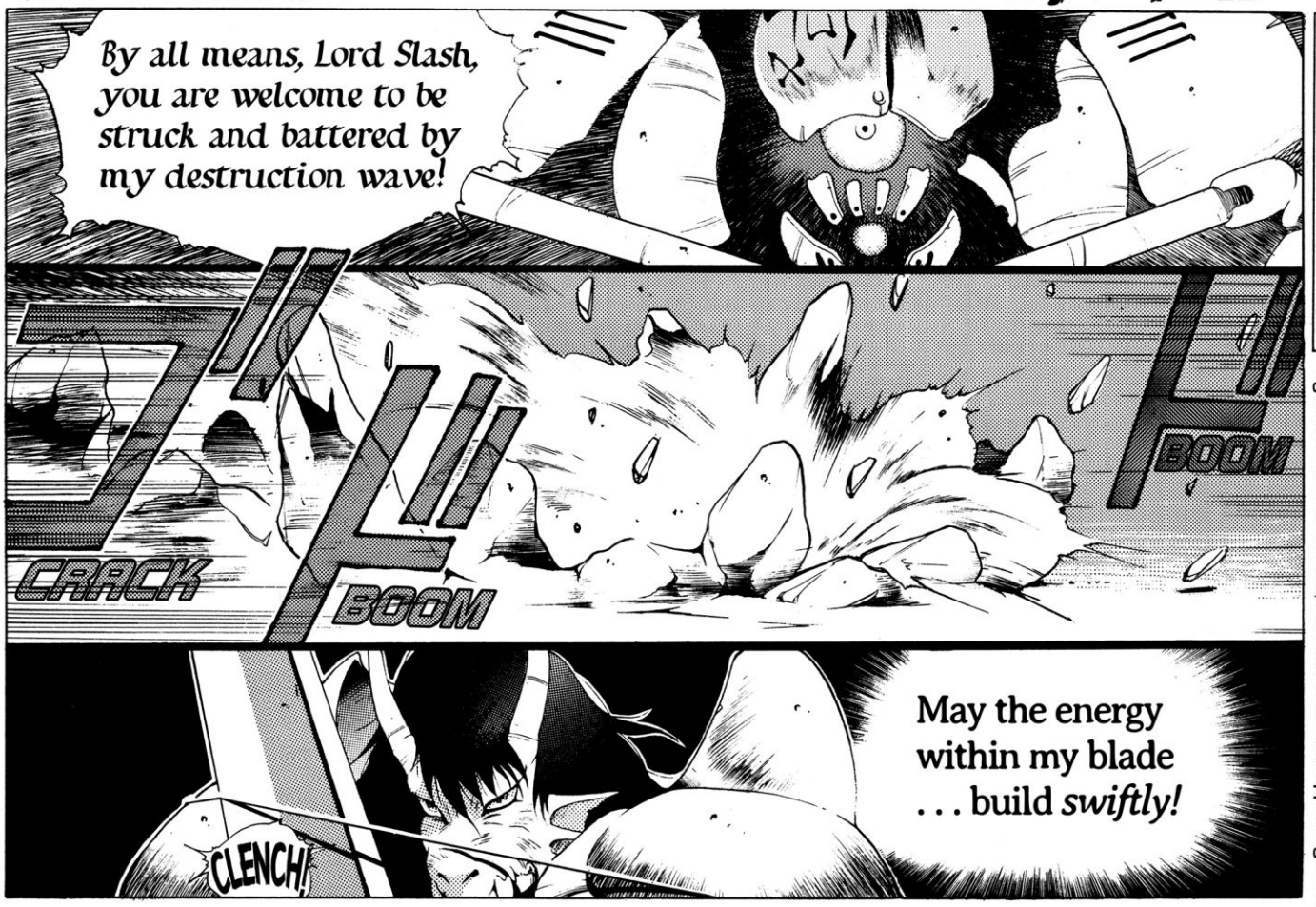
TO BE CONTINUED

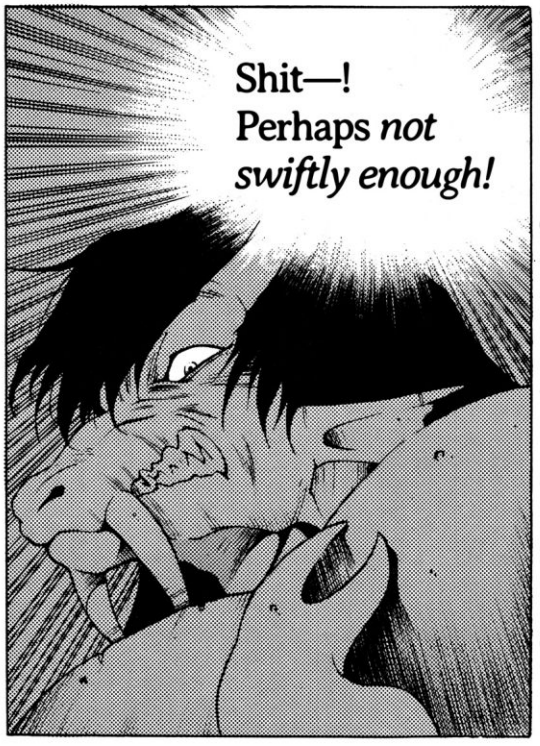
My name is Doom Blade—
the Sword of Destiny.
I have been sent by the Great Intention.
O berserker who may slaughter even gods . . .
The king who sows chaos and destruction has begun to act . . .
And so now do I, too, awaken . . .
Shining and the Darkness Gaiden
ドゥームブレイド
DOOM BLADE
O warrior within whom flows the royal blood of Bastork.
O master . . .
Return to my side, and unleash my power!
. . . !?
Such is your destiny!
YOSHITAKA TAMAKI (CLIMAX)
#15 REINCARNATION

◆While imprisoned, Killy hears the reverberant voice of his sword. *Doom Blade* is finally sprinting toward its final chapter!

THE STORY SO FAR Kris had believed Killy to be her father's killer. But Nowald's words shook Kris to her core: her father had taken his own life. Meanwhile, Dark Sol was unleashing a horde of undead soldiers who were completely devoted to slaughter. And in the midst of it all, Killy, who had been captured along with all of his companions, heard the echo of a mysterious voice . . .

OMINOUS HUM
I am afraid I cannot allow the continuation of your life so long as you would obstruct Lord Dark.
TICK TICK TICK
Our drawing of the curtains is long overdue, Lord Slash.
. . . Pshaw!
BOOM
!?


By all means, Lord Slash, you are welcome to be struck and battered by my destruction wave!
CRACK
BOOM
BOOM
May the energy within my blade . . . build *swiftly!*
CLENCH!



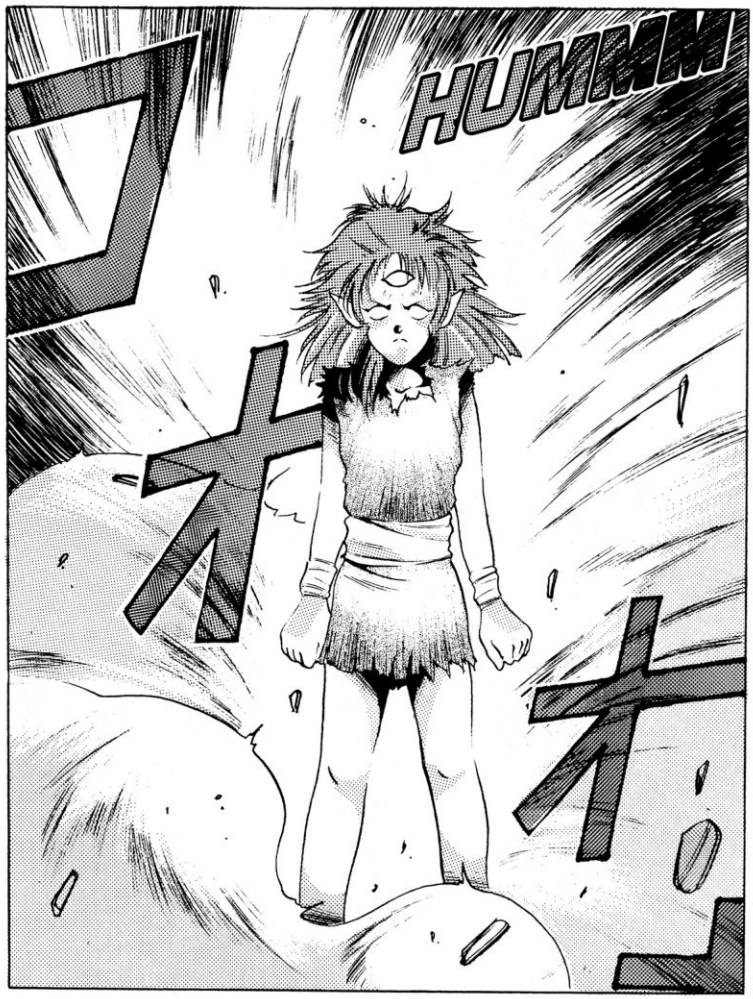
TAMAKI CATCH-UP

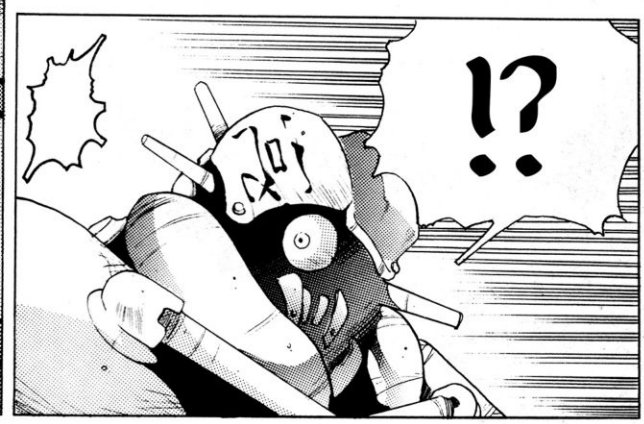
Since I know a lot of you have been following the plot and coming up with different theories, I'll answer the most pressing question first. Unfortunately, Yogurt does not reincarnate, and thus will not be appearing. I'm sorry. *Doom Blade* is nearing its climax. Thank you for all your support along the way!

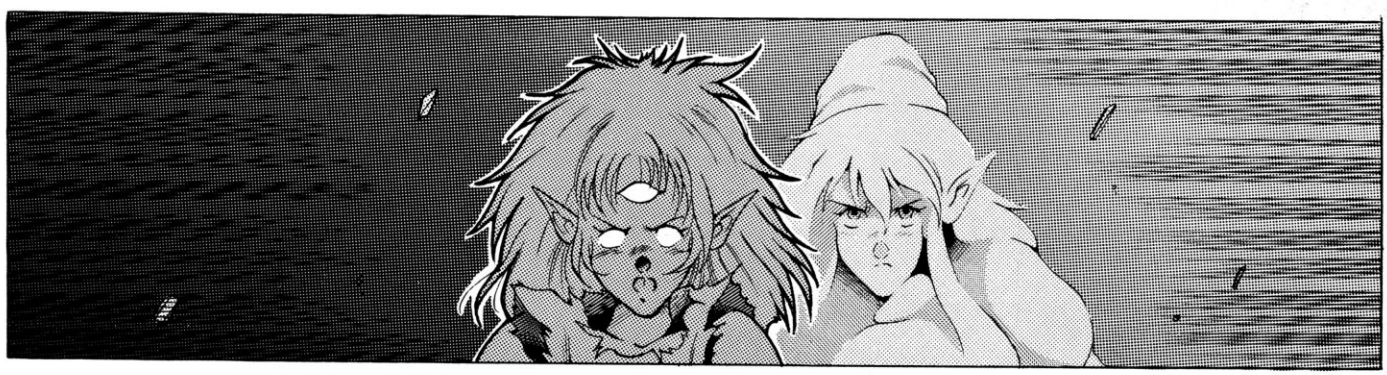
BOOZER CLUB

● If Killy really didn't kill Kris's father, then where'd she get the idea that he did? Is it part of Dark's plot? (Nara City / Tomoya Ochi)

● Was that Khamsin locked up with Killy? Without his armor, I didn't recognize him at all. (Saitama Pref. / Christopher Misae)



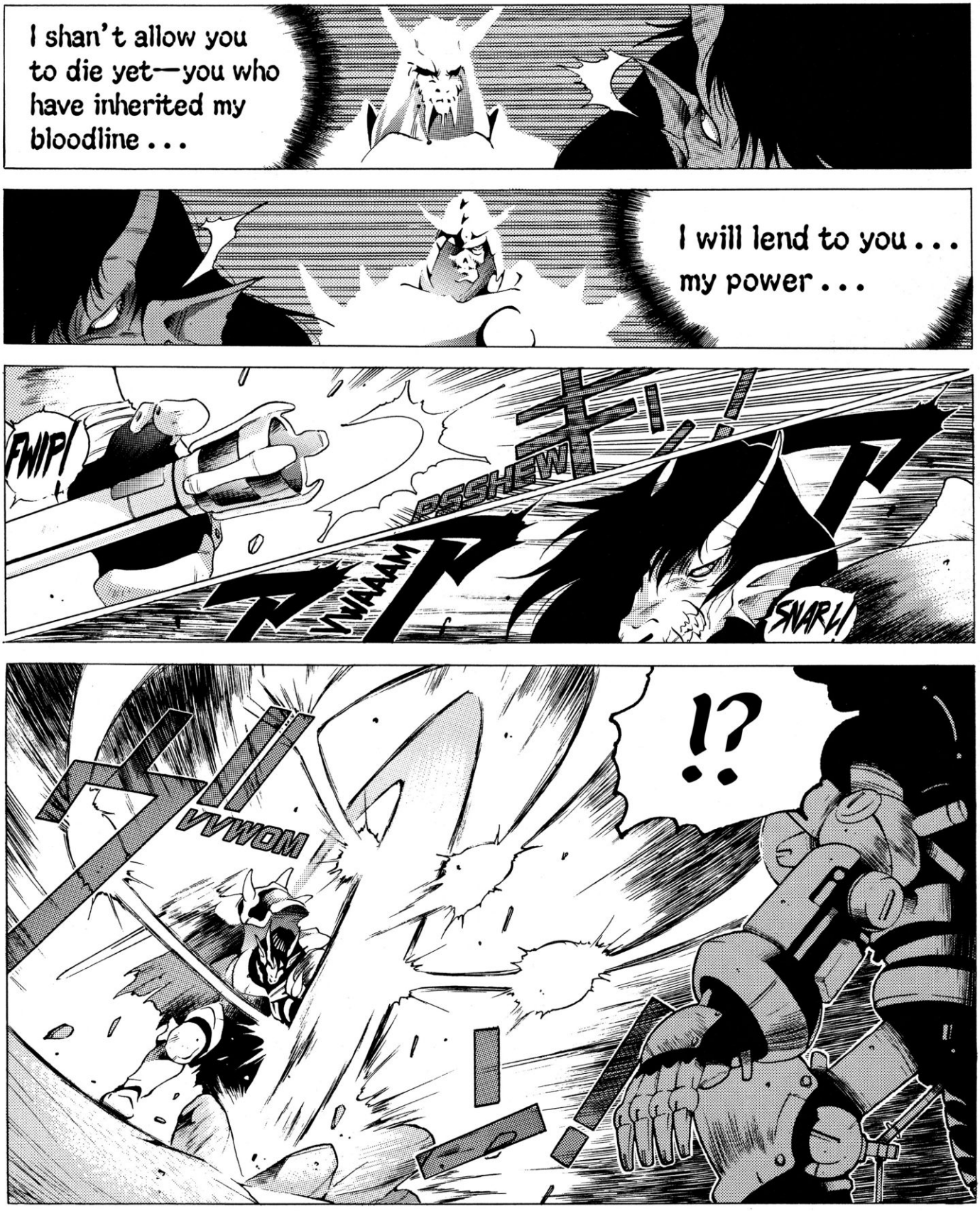




DOOMER CLUB

●Does Tamaki-sensei always wear sunglasses? I'd like to see his face just once . . . (Hakodate / Minako Yuuki) ○Hiding my face is something I have in common with Dark Sol, huh? ●Ooh! Jim's naked face! (p. 50 last issue) I'm glad he's as beautiful as I imagined. (Tochigi Pref. / Yoshitaka Mikami)

DOOZY CLUB ●Uh, so this comic is a spin-off [*gaiden*] based on *Shining and the Darkness*, right? But it's starting to feel more like *Shining Force*. What do say to that, Tamaki-san? (Tottori Pref. / Ajapaa Kong) ○Hmm, astute! So, does that make it even *more* exciting?



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◆The Warriors of Light have assembled, led by the Great Intention!
Each of their fates is now made clear!

How can he *possibly* be absorbing my energy bullets? Could he truly wield the Sword of Darkness . . . !?
. . . It is much to fathom that the Great Intention deigns to grant me such a boon . . .
VW-WOM
With Nowald's departure, Kris was left alone in her bewilderment.
So Dad really did kill himself . . .
What the *hell* . . . ?
Kris . . . You have lived your life baring fangs against the world.
I was once just as you are now . . .
Who are you—!?
SWISH!
I would have you know . . . the entire truth.
Let me tell you of your own destiny . . .

TO BE CONTINUED

◆ Nowald's forces are locked in a deadly struggle against the army of the dead that Dark Sol has unleashed. Is there any hope of victory!?

THE STORY SO FAR The Doom Blade—the Sword of Destiny—had spoken to Killy: "Unleash my power." Killy was left only perplexed. Meanwhile, Slash continued his fight against Drone. The power of the Great Intention manifested before his eyes, granting him new power. Elsewhere, the Great Intention took form beside Kris and began to reveal to her the truth . . .

. . . !
FWOOM
Norman . . .
I shall see to the villain who authored this!
What is the count of our survivors!?
Six of us survive!
The mad sorcerer Dark must still be in the throne room!
We shall avenge the deaths of Norman and all our comrades in arms! Let us move!

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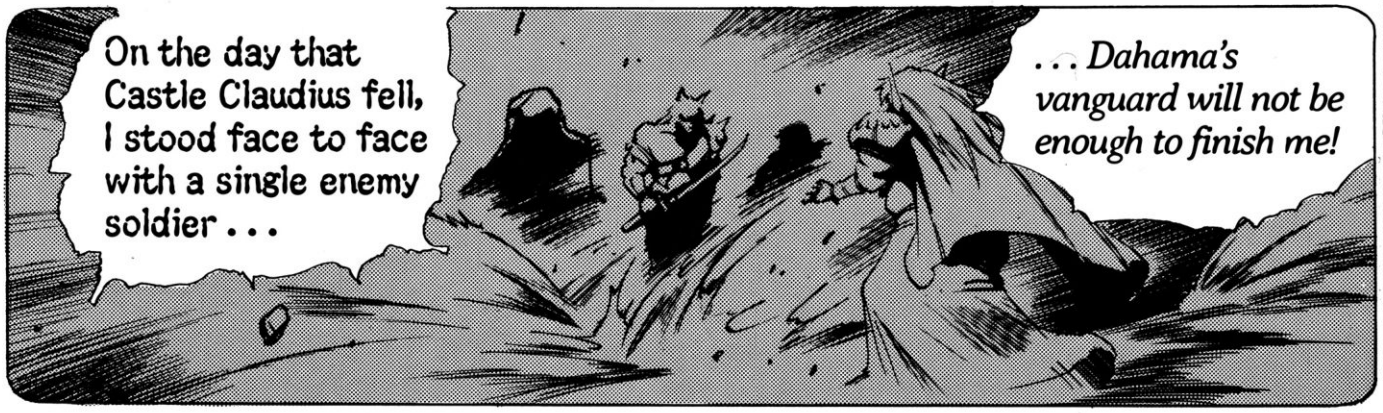
As many of you may already know, I'm officially freelance now. My longtime dream of working in the city center had come true, and that did make me happy. So why couldn't I be content? Anyway, from this point on I'll be working extra hard, so I hope everyone sends me lots of encouraging letters!

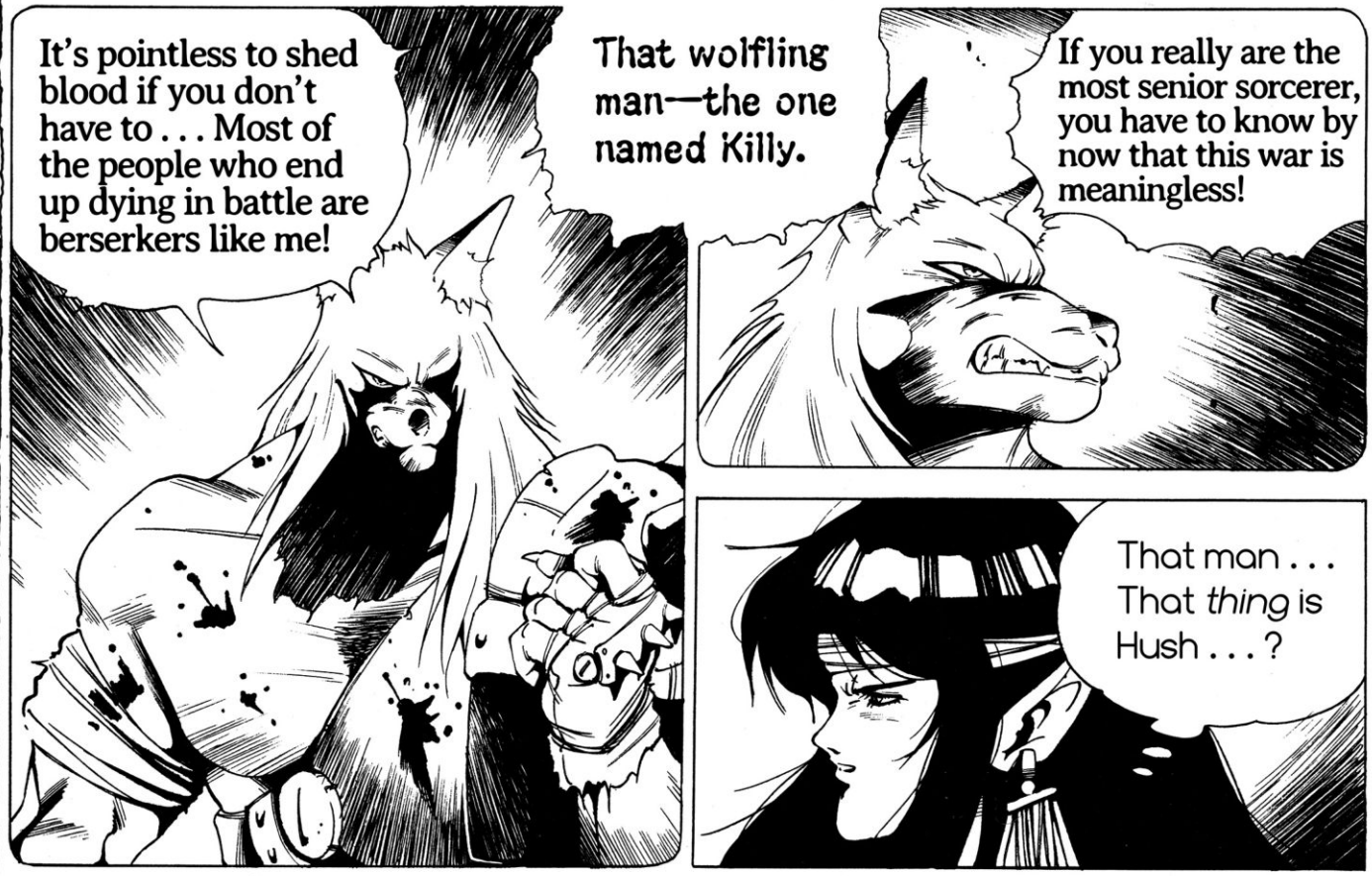
By the time you hear my voice, you will have no doubt overcome more hardships than you can count . . .
Please forgive your father for leaving you alone . . .

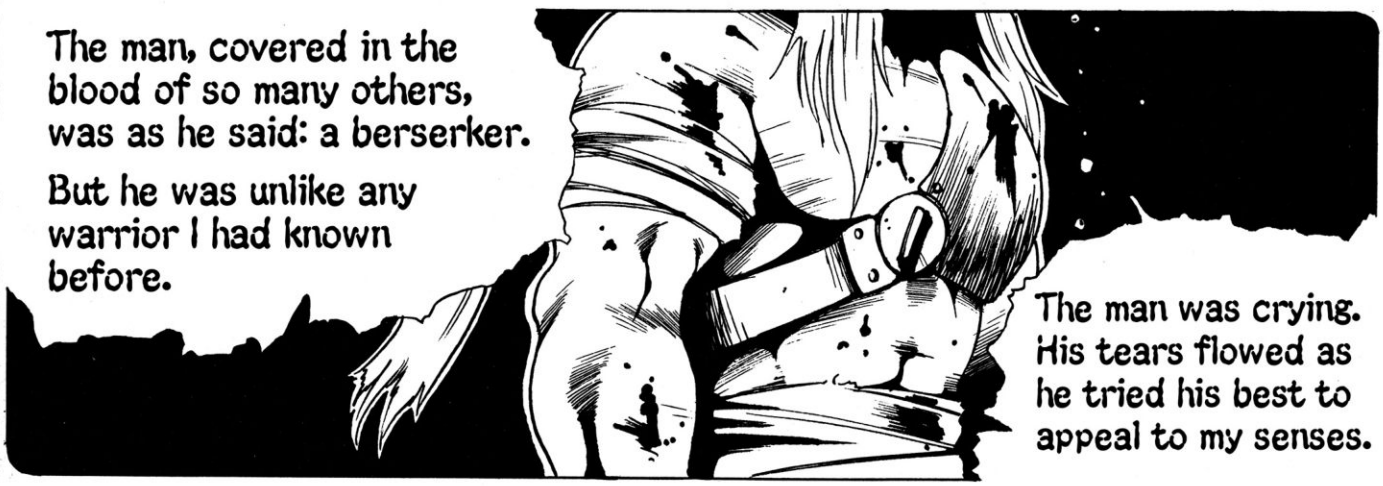

On the day that Castle Claudius fell, I stood face to face with a single enemy soldier . . .
. . . Dahama's vanguard will not be enough to finish me!

DOOM FAN CLUB

●So, Slash is descended from Elliot (?) I'm really happy to hear that. (Gunma Pref. / Satoshi Kimishima) ●About that four-panel comic in March's Doom FAN Club—was that strip mahjong . . . ? (Kitakyushu / Daisuke Saito) ○The lovely way that Killy sits all small and quiet is popular. ♡ (Editor)

● Congratulations on your independence, Tamaki-sensei. Please keep doing art for Climax (Ibaraki Pref. / Shinji Kawamoto) ● I read the last issue (April), and I noticed that it was packed with characters. Obon [the JP Ghost Festival] is still a ways away. (Yokohama / Minami-chan) ● I just have this one thing: The main character goes five months without saying a word. (Gifu Pref. / Osomatsu-kun)


It's pointless to shed blood if you don't have to . . . Most of the people who end up dying in battle are berserkers like me!
That wolfling man—the one named Killy.
If you really are the most senior sorcerer, you have to know by now that this war is meaningless!


The man, covered in the blood of so many others, was as he said: a berserker.
But he was unlike any warrior I had known before.
The man was crying. His tears flowed as he tried his best to appeal to my senses.

As the man's tears fell, the Great Intention spoke to me . . .
I was told of Killy's destiny and of what I, as your father, would have to do . . .
O Carsel, I am the Great Intention . . .
For the sake of the ones who are soon to be born,
will you not entrust your soul to me?
Wh—what are you *saying?* Who the hell *are* you, you *son of a bitch!?*
The man you see here is burdened with the destiny of leading the Warriors of Light onto the battlefield . . . Thus has he endured a harrowing life . . .
!?
I was shown Killy's life by the power of the Great Intention. I saw how his destiny had led him to lose the people close to him—to lose his family . . .
Killy knew not of his destiny. He hated war and saw only despair. He longed to find the way to his own death.

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Killy's destiny was his burden . . .
He became sure that the fate brought on by the sword he carried was proof of his own sin.
CLANK...
Wolfling warrior . . . I will give you no more cause to dirty your hands.
In that moment, I cried in the face of the brutality that was Killy's fate.
Farewell!
Hey—!
And so I gave up my soul to the Great Intention for the sake of the future to come . . .
!
So that the souls of ancient warriors might reincarnate into this world to seal the King of Destruction.
Killy . . . and *me* . . . !?
So that you and the wolfman warrior Killy might be given the chance to meet . . . And thus, Kris—you, too, are burdened with this fate . . .

TO BE CONTINUED

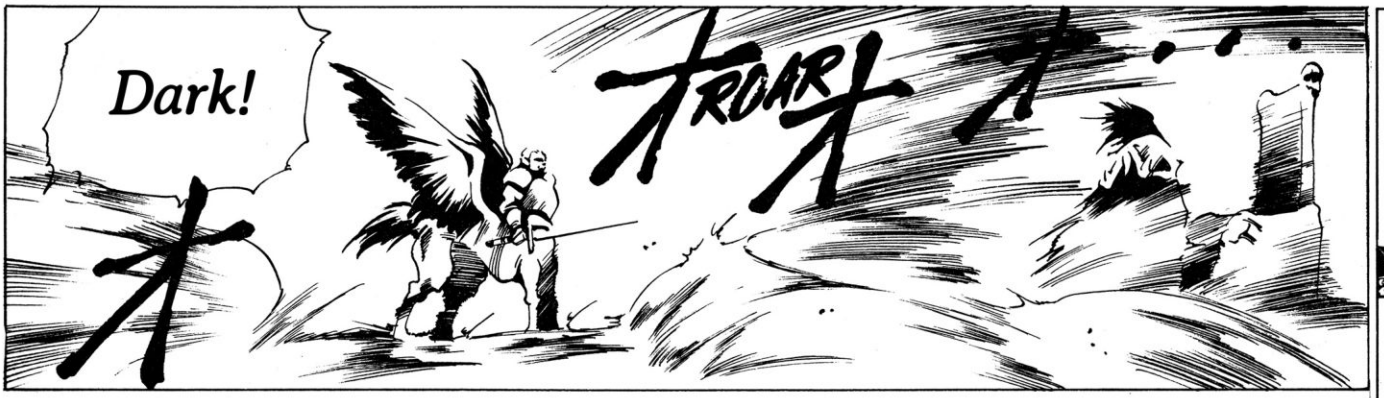
"I thought he was my enemy, but Killy and I are linked by some great fate." What can Kris be thinking now that she has learned the truth?

◆ Nowald has finally broken through the undead soldiers blocking the way to Dark Sol. A horrific battle awaits!

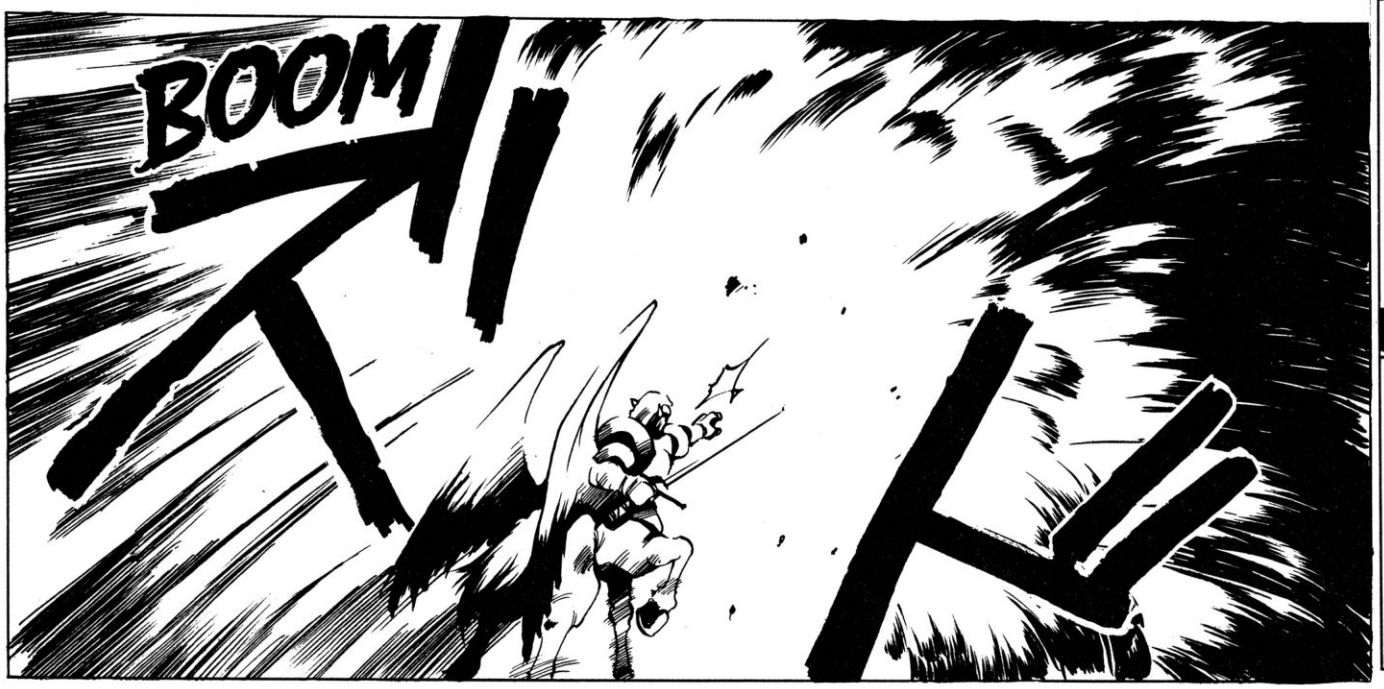
I see you have managed to make it this far in one piece . . .
I should expect as much of Knight Commander Nowald.
You! What are you plotting, Dark!? What have you done to His Excellency Dahama!?

His *Excellency* Dahama . . . ? Surely you can't mean . . .
. . . *that incompetent* there next to you . . . ? Take a look.
What—!?
GASP!
Lord— Lord Nowald!
HA HA HA HA . . . I think you'll agree it's a look that suits him. He was killed by one of his own clay figures!
That's . . . *Dahama*?
Too much for a fellow like you to wrap his head around, Lord Nowald?

THE STORY SO FAR Nowald watched his allies fall one by one as he led the knight brigade in defense against Dark Sol's army of the dead. Meanwhile, Kris's father manifested through the power of the Greater Will to explain the truth behind his death: he had given up his soul so that a warrior could reincarnate to save the world from destruction and so that Kris and Killy might meet.



You know that I hold no loyalty toward Dahama.
However . . .
ROAR
You have stolen the lives of many of my subordinates!
And that I cannot forgive!



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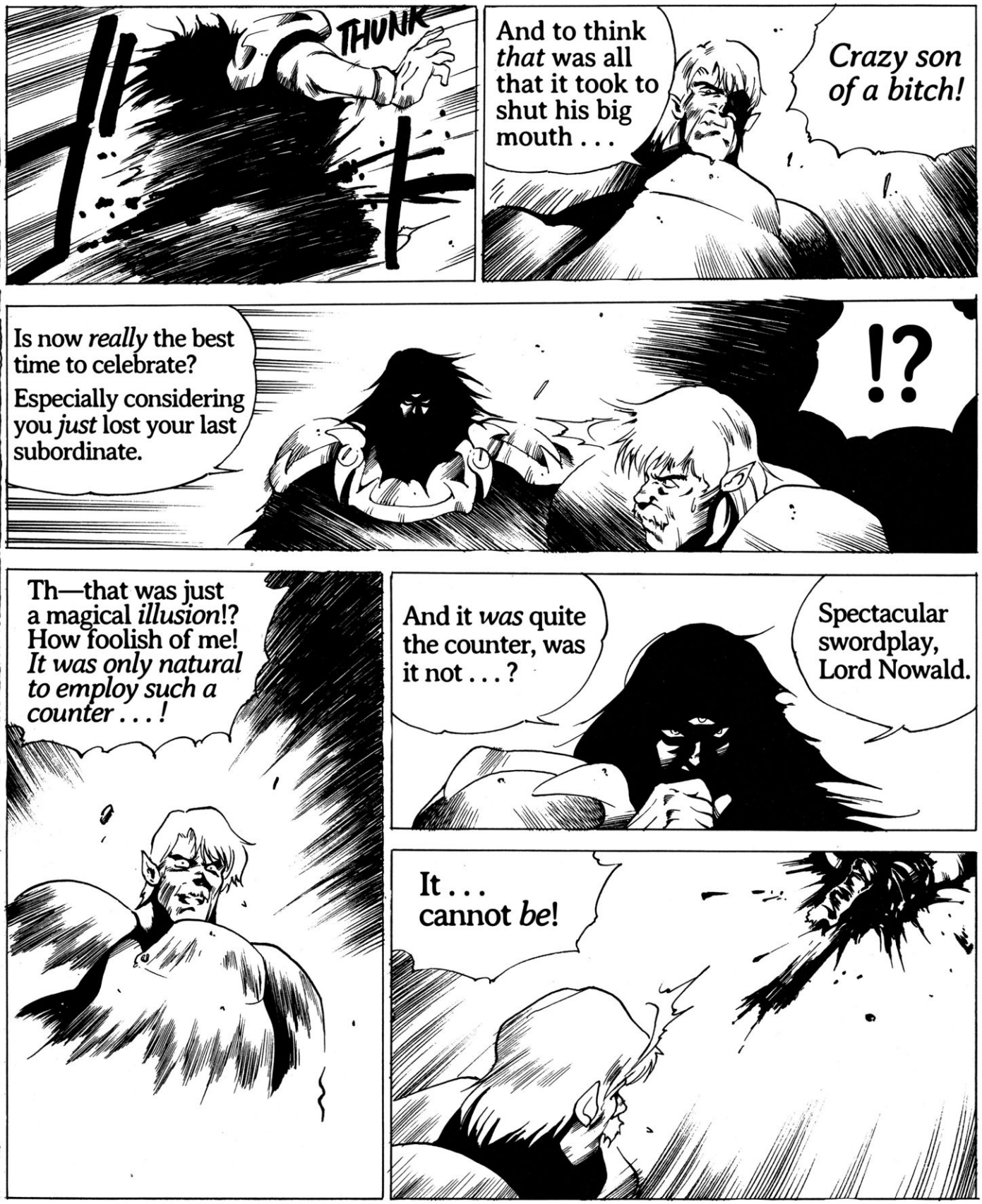
Being the knight that you are, Lord Nowald, you fight your battles with a sword, do you not?
And that is what I intend to do! I did not come just to give my regards!
. . . Well then!
SWOOP
ROAR
Scatter as ash, Dark!

BOOMERANG CLUB

● I feel like Kris has been getting cuter over time. (Iwate Pref. / Tetsuya Kijima) ● Soon it'll fit best to change the subtitle to *Shining Force Gaiden*. (Kiyose/Erieri-sama) ● Just when I thought Lord Slash was back, he's gone again . . . (Chiba Pref. / Shin Morisaka)

DOOMERS CLUB ●What if Killy's whole party wore Yogurt Rings . . . ? Yikes, just thinking about it is scary! (Ushiku / Mikio Namikawa) ○Everyone would e a realistic eight heads tall . . . (Editor) ●Of course Killy's the best. Say what you want, but it's good to be understated. It suits him. (Kobe / Masayoshi Tanaka)


THUNK
And to think *that* was all that it took to shut his big mouth . . .
Crazy son of a bitch!
Is now *really* the best time to celebrate?
Especially considering you *just* lost your last subordinate.
!?
Th—that was just a magical *illusion*!? How foolish of me! *It was only natural to employ such a counter . . . !*
And it *was* quite the counter, was it not . . . ?
Spectacular swordplay, Lord Nowald.
It . . . cannot *be*!

● When I played *Shining Force* recently, I was fascinated to see many of the characters from the comic appear. Please keep adding more. (Hyogo Pref. / Hirokazu Aoki) ● You're making a *Doom Blade* Mega Drive game, right? I hope so. (Osaka / Hisashi Kodama)

R—*Russell!*
To be muddled by such basic illusion magic . . .
Well, *you're* hardly assassin material . . .
Something to keep in mind for your next life!
SHUFFLE
I am Dark Sol!
FWOOM
I am the king of Darkness and destruction.
WHIP

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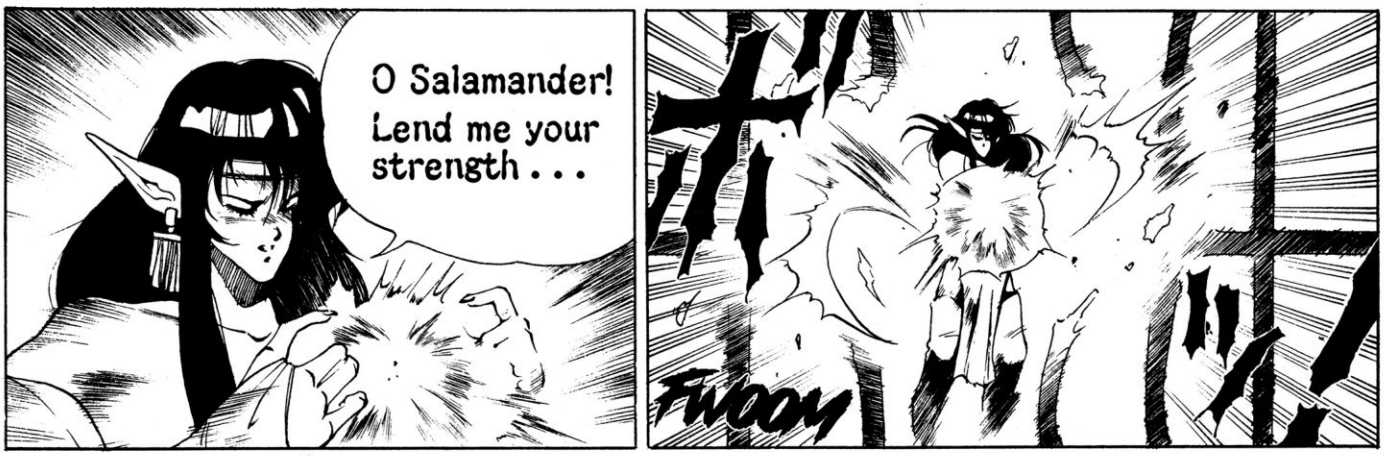
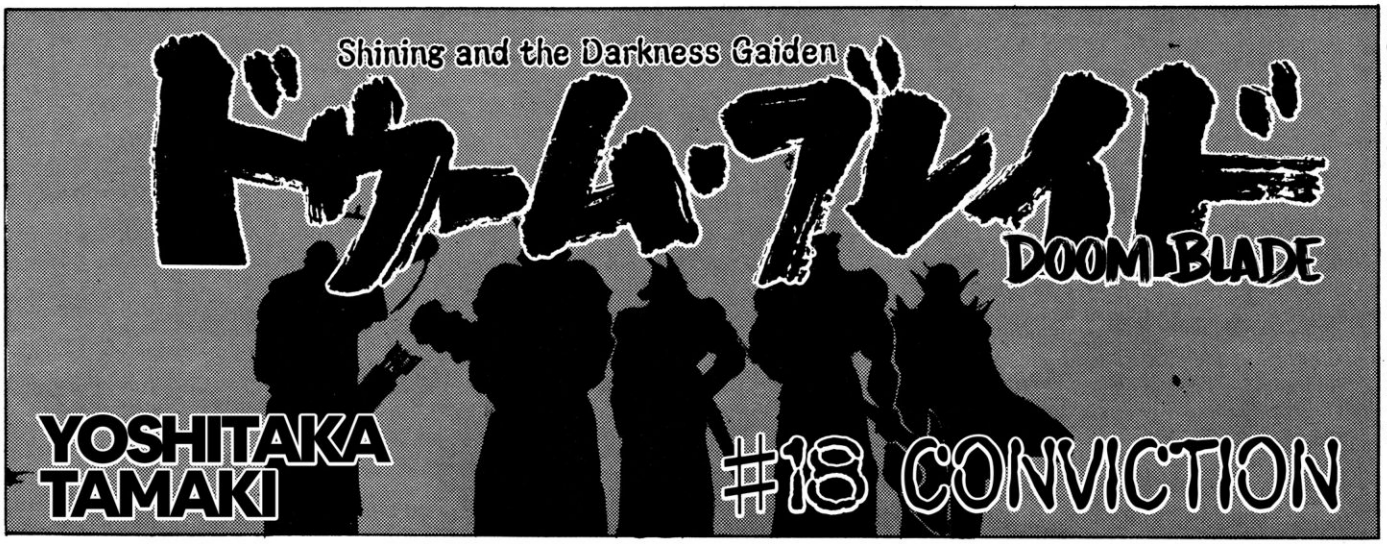
Heh heh heh . . . How does it *feel*—? Knowing it's about time for your execution.
CLUNK!
Shut up, fatass!
GRR!
What did you just say to me!? *You*—
BONK
Kris!?
PFT!
THUD
Everybody out!
And, Killy . . . *I have something I want to ask you!*
You . . . want to ask *me* something . . . ?

◆Killy and his party are rescued by a single blow.
But what does Kris hope to achieve by asking about the truth?

TO BE CONTINUED

◆Kris learns the sad fate of her enemy, Killy. Hatred dissolves as new bonds are born.



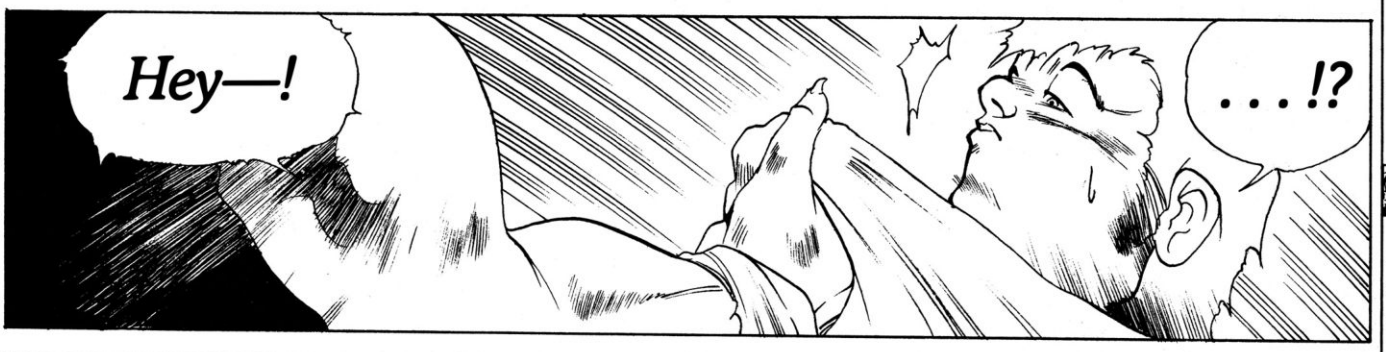


Killy . . .
I've *got* to ask you about my dad . . .
If you really *weren't* responsible for his death, why didn't you say so . . . ?
. . .
Maybe I could've denied it, but I'd just be making excuses for myself . . .

THE STORY SO FAR

The warlock Dark Sol aims to plunge the entire world into the horrors of a war to last a thousand years. Nowald was able to reach Dark Sol only after losing most of his subordinates on the way. Nowald challenged him bravely, but when the tables turned, he was rendered powerless. During their fight, Kris departed to rescue Killy and the rest of the party from execution.

. . .
Besides . . .
Even though your father didn't happen to have *his* life taken by my hands . . .
Nothing will ever change the fact that I *have* taken the lives of so many others.
It only seems right that I'd be killed by someone who hates me . . . If anything, I might even be *hoping* for it . . .
Is that how you feel . . . ?
By internalizing this for so long, you've been shouldering that burden all on your own . . .



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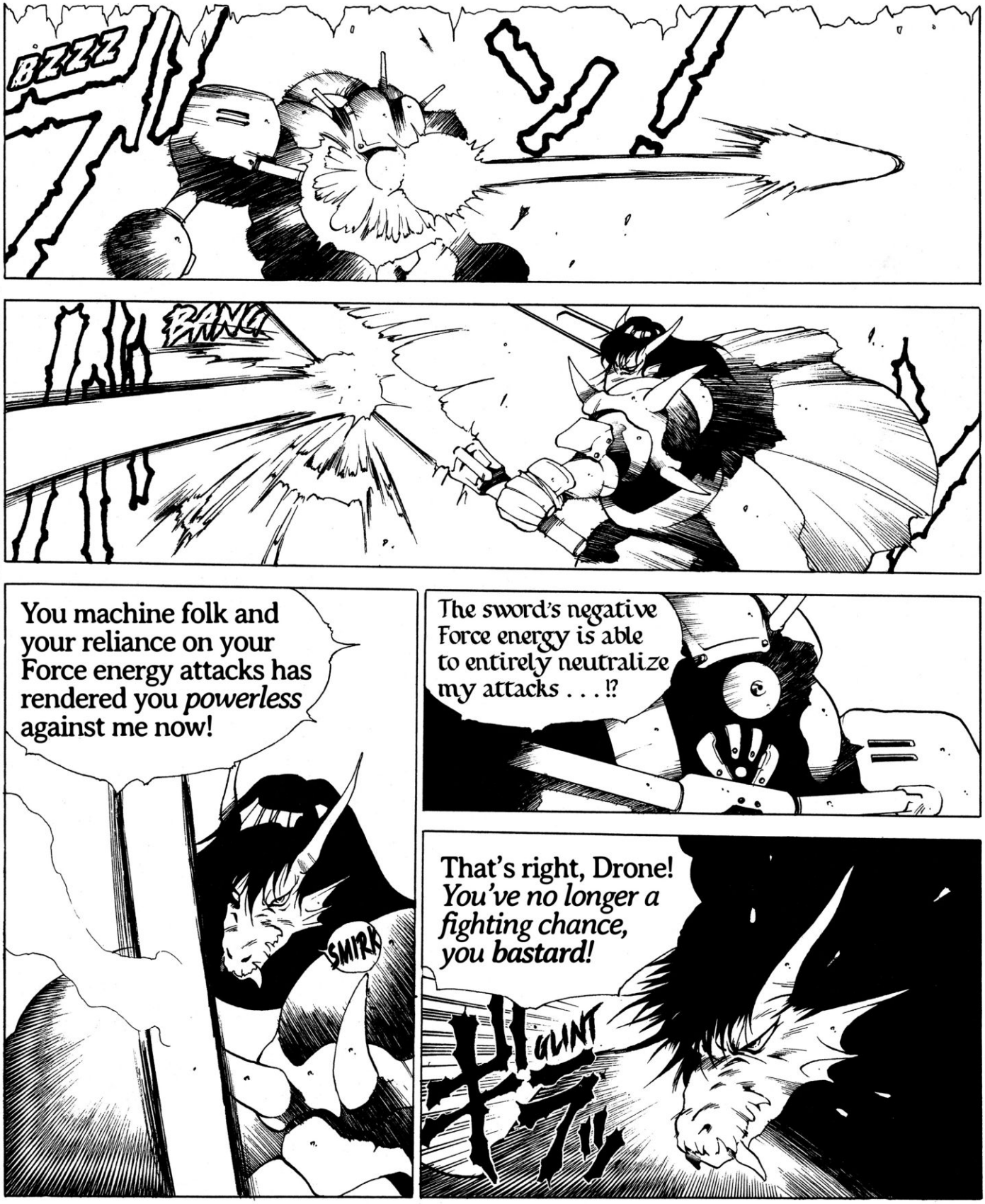
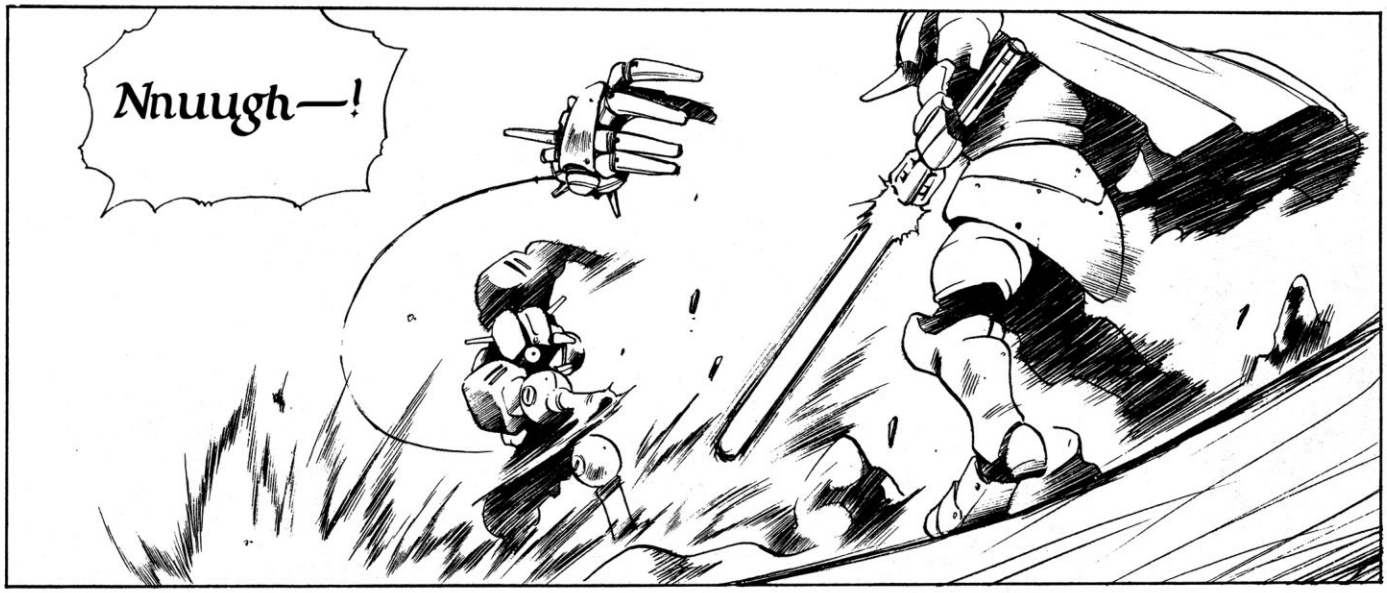
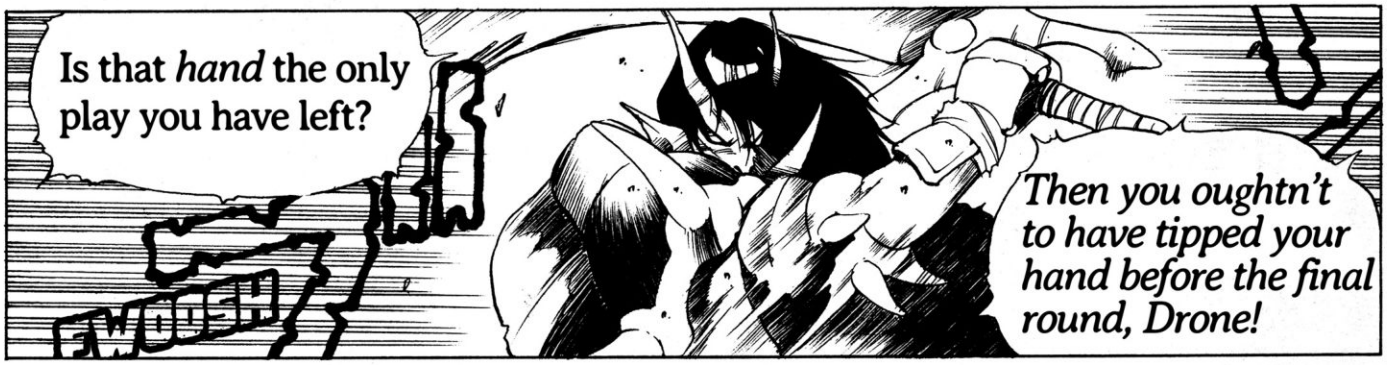
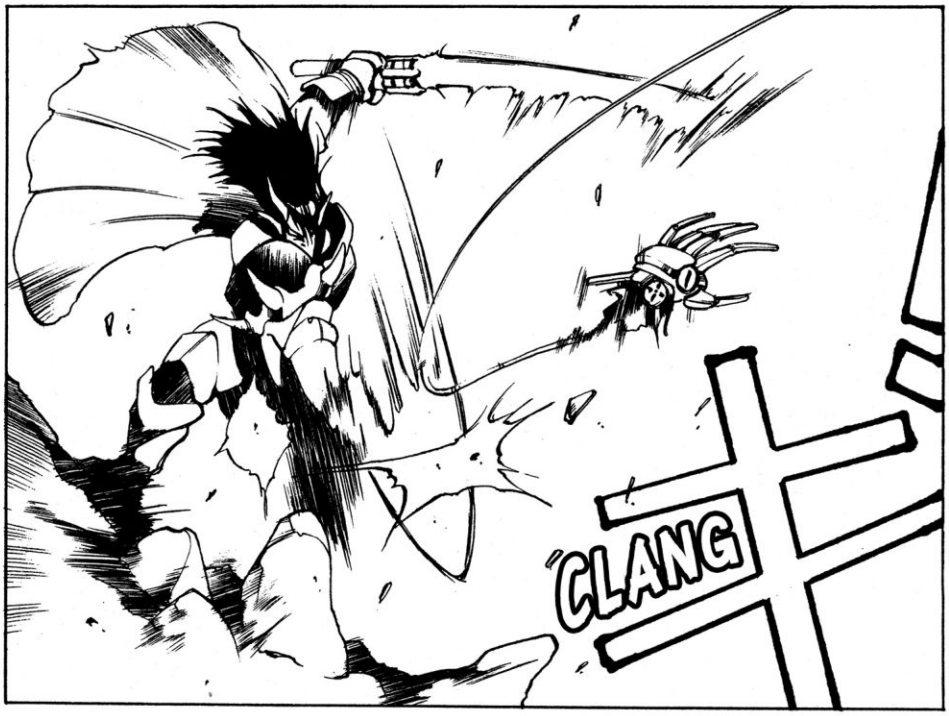

BZZZZ
BANG
You machine folk and your reliance on your Force energy attacks has rendered you *powerless* against me now!
SMIRK
The sword's negative Force energy is able to entirely neutralize my attacks . . . !?
That's right, Drone! *You've no longer a fighting chance, you bastard!*
GLINT
キラッ

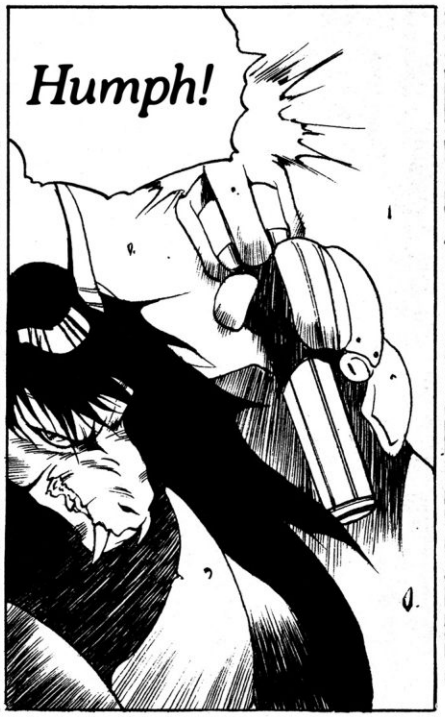
BOOGIE RK CLUB

● If you look closely, Arms's face resembles Yogurt's. It's unmistakable; he's been reincarnated! (Osaka / Shoji Yamada) ● Could the warrior who seals the King of Destruction be Maxt? (Tottori / Ajapaa Kong) ● My friend read the 蟲 in chapter 13 as "*mushi mushi mushi*". (Yokohama / Mao Awaji) [**Note:** Dark Sol uses the uncommon 蟲 (*mushi*) for "insects". 虫 (also *mushi*) is now standard.]









DOOM HAZ CLUB

● Comics in *FamiMaga* and *PC-FAN* have recieved collected editions. So *Mega Drive FAN* should do the same! *Doom Blade* has to be published!! (Aichi Pref. / Nobuo Sakata) ● I'll be happy if all the members of the Shining Force make reincarnated appearances. (Nishinomiya / Aya Kyujo)

BOOZER CLUB

● I want someone to publish a book of collected illustrations like *The World of Yoshitaka Tamaki*. I'd definitely buy it. (Hakodate / Minako Yuuki) ● Killy looks like *Shining Force*'s Zappa-sensei. That makes me happy. ♡ (Hokkaido / Takuo Daisue) ● I started reading partway through, and now I have no idea what's going on. Can I get a summary? (Saitama Pref. / Chaos)

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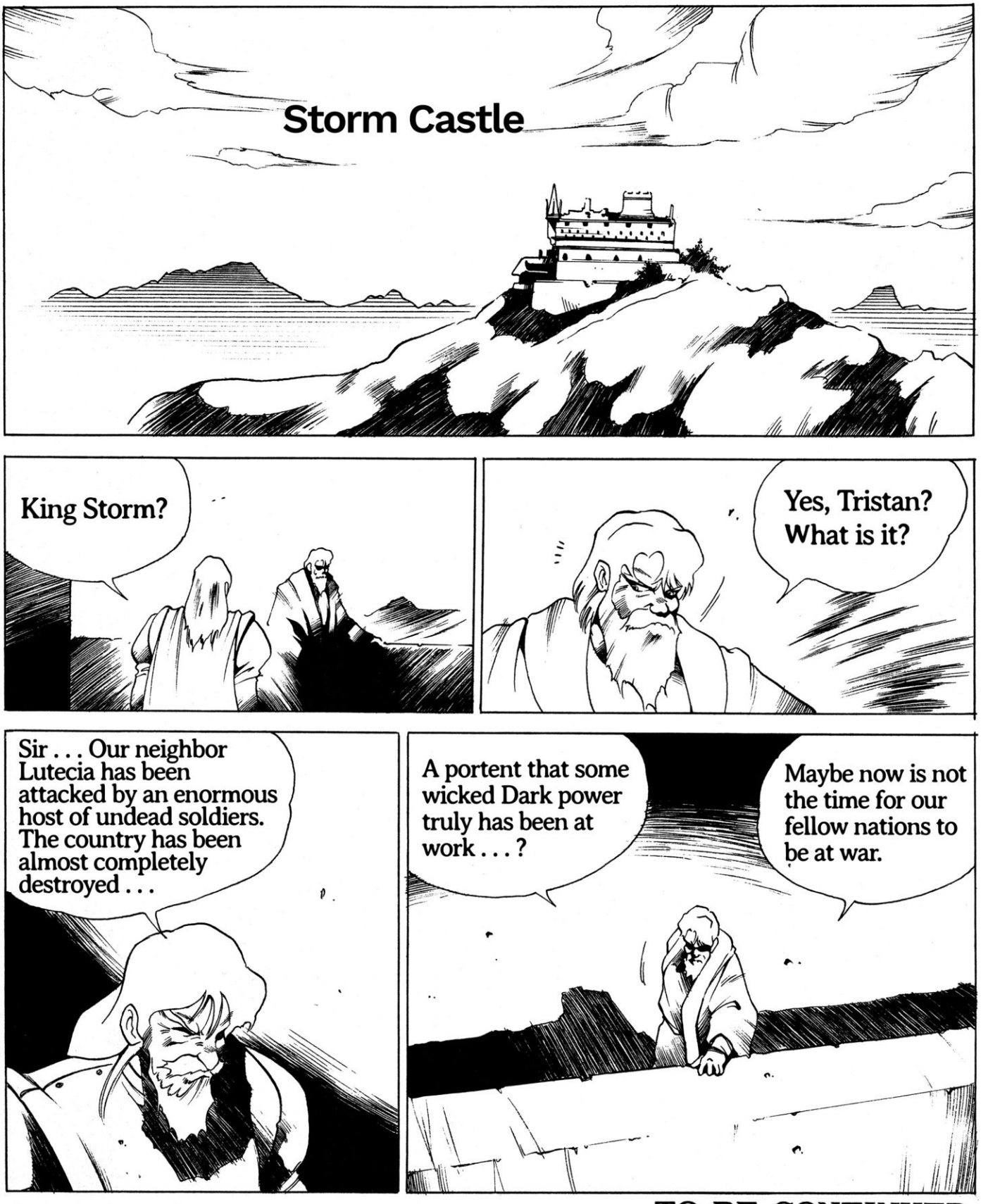
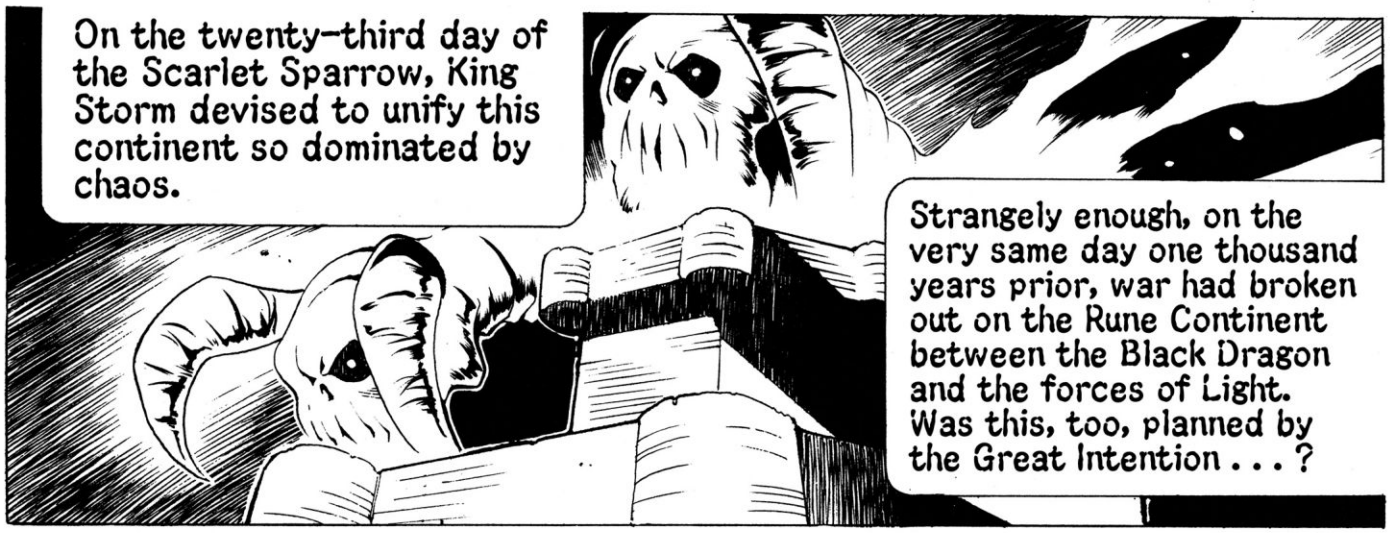
◆King Storm is convinced that a terrifying foe threatens the world. But what exactly is in store?


Storm Castle
King Storm?
Yes, Tristan? What is it?
Sir . . . Our neighbor Lutecia has been attacked by an enormous host of undead soldiers. The country has been almost completely destroyed . . .
A portent that some wicked Dark power truly has been at work . . . ?
Maybe now is not the time for our fellow nations to be at war.

TO BE CONTINUED

If it be the fate Heaven has ordained me, then I must see this to its very end . . .
Tristan! Assemble a force of warrior monks and send them to reinforce Lutecia! *They shall drive out those detestable undead!*

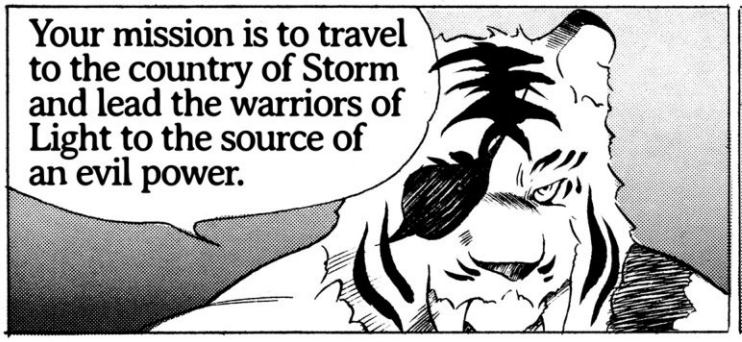

On the twenty-third day of the Scarlet Sparrow, King Storm devised to unify this continent so dominated by chaos.
Strangely enough, on the very same day one thousand years prior, war had broken out on the Rune Continent between the Black Dragon and the forces of Light. Was this, too, planned by the Great Intention . . . ?

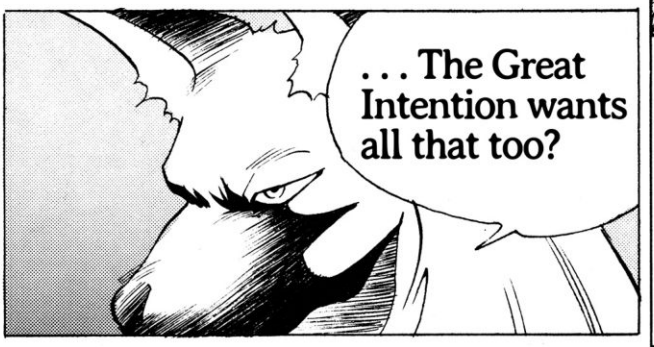
King Storm finally stands against the invasion led by Dark Sol, the warlock of Darkness.

THE STORY SO FAR

After having just narrowly avoided execution, Killy and his companions plan their escape. Slash, who had acquired the Sword of Darkness through the power of the Great Intention, has defeated Drone and saved Otranto, the tactician of Light. Meanwhile, in the Storm Kingdom, preparations have been made to go into battle against the invading army of the dead.

Huh?
So, Arms. What's up with this revelation you say you got from the Great Intention . . . ?
The word is that our mission from King Lutecia will be going uncompleted!
CINCH!
Of course, I am also told that King Dahama is no longer to be our target . . .
Well, I don't get it at all! I mean, what even was the point of us coming here then!?
I'm very sorry for not sharing this with all of you sooner . . .
But there is one thing that everyone left in the castle—*including us*—must now do . . .
We must eliminate the king of chaos who sows death and destruction: Dark Sol!





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DOOMER CLUB

- I can't believe Tamaki-sensei didn't do the characters for Shining Force II . . . It's a little shocking. (Chiyoda Ward / Isao Mishima)
- It's amazing how few screentones this comic uses. But a lot of spaces are filled with solid black, lol. (Tottori Pref. / Ajapaa Kong)

DOOMERS CLUB

● The violent battle between Slash and Drone lasted nine months, lol. (Chiba Pref. / Shinji Sakai) ● I can't be the only one who thinks Arms looks like Tiger Mask. (Ibaraki Pref. / Wanpi) ● Tamaki-sensei's designs have a sort of a resemblence to Disney characters. (Nishinomiya / Aya Kyujo)

!
I hate to disappoint, but I'm just tonight's opening act . . . It'll be a while before you get to meet the headliner!
FWOOM
Well, *you* seem to be the audience favorite!
SMIRK
I can scarcely wait! I've grown sick of killing no-names.
But even if I am just the opener, I'm still here to go all out.
I'll be giving it my best performance, Dark Sol!
. . . *Ha!* How reassuring. Don't go and let me down, now . . .

DOOM CLUB

● I wonder how many readers nationwide recognized Tristan at the end of the last issue. (Tottori Pref. / Ajapaa Kong) ● May's issue showed child Killy. Too cute . . . (Osaka / Shoji Yamada) ● Kris is more elegant than she was at first. (Hakodate / Minako Yuuki)

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I see.
So you have allied with the spirits of a thousand years past . . .
CREAK!
Damn the Great Intention! Do you really think that such underhanded tactics will suffice against me—Dark Sol?
No matter what sort of powers you receive, you contemptible subhumans will never rise above the trash that you are!
As a Star Eye myself, I simply cannot bear the thought of being replaced by trivial pests like you!
Are you ready to see just how powerful we trivial pests can be? I'm going to show you even if it kills me . . .
But it looks like I'm not alone. So it's not going to be that easy to make me kneel!
HOWL
TO BE CONTINUED

A destined confrontation between the Army of Light and the Warlock of Darkness. The fate of the world hinges on the decisive battle to come!

◆Kris finally faces Dark Sol by the guidance of the Great Intention. The mortal struggle begins!

THE STORY SO FAR

King Storm, having sensed the threat posed by the army of the dead that destroyed Lutecia, assembled a force of warrior monks to unify the continent. Arms informed everyone in his squad that they are acting in accordance with the Great Intention. Shortly thereafter, Jim lost his life, while Kris went on to confront Dark Sol alone.

Not good enough!
Elemental magic won't leave so much as a scratch on me!
You people are such garbage that it's pathetic!
GLINT!
Severing lightning— Fourth-level Spark!
CRACK
. . . Oh!?

STEP
STEP
Didn't I say, "I'm not alone" . . . ?
GLARE
I see . . . So you're drawing power from these thousand-year-old ghosts.
Interesting . . .
Then it seems I cannot afford to take things lightly . . .
I will stand against you on equal footing.

Now that I see that you're a damned Apostle of Light, I will not grant you a merciful death!
You have earned entry into the same World of Complete Nothingness as Nowald!
I conjure a barrier of demonic miasma. Second-level Demon Breath!
SWIRL
Unite in the heavens, O goddesses of battle! Lend me your power once more!
Pray, unleash your holy light that we may drive out the power of Darkness!
By the severing light of holy swords— Fourth-level Hell Blast!
BANG
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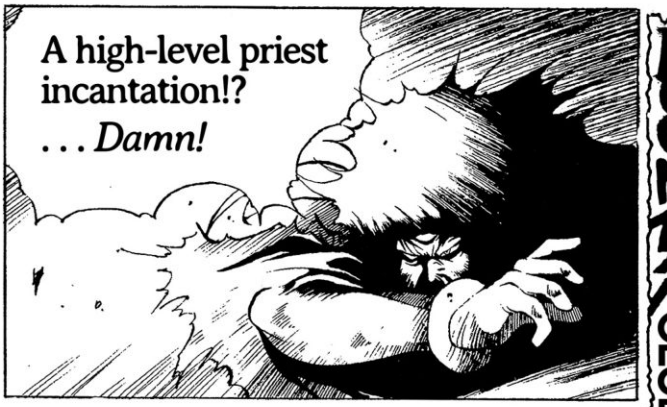

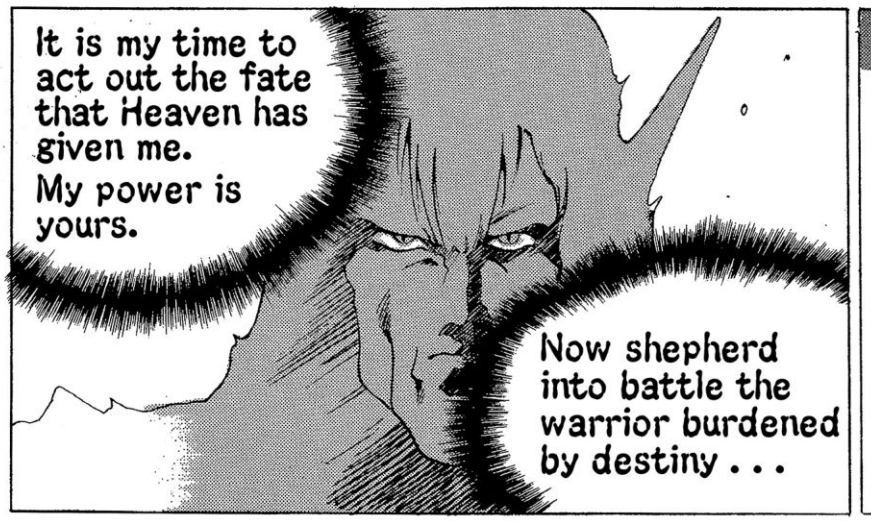
It is my time to act out the fate that Heaven has given me.
My power is yours.
Now shepherd into battle the warrior burdened by destiny . . .

BOOSTER CLUB

● Kris's skin and even her hair have finally turned white. (Aug. p. 59, panel 6.) (Gifu Pref. / Taku Gitagawa) ● Oh, Jim . . . I'm scared to see the next issue . . . (Tokyo / Kimihiko Mishima) ● I managed to get a summary of the comic's story. (My little brother told me.) (Ibaraki Pref. / Damakurashi)

!?
STEP
While my magic is of negative polarity, Hell Blast's polarity is positive . . .
Their collision yields particle annihilation, neutralizing both.
But that only applies if we both release equal amounts of magical power . . .
HUFF..
HUFF..
And it looks to me like *you don't have the power left* to negate my next attack.
SCOFF...
This is the end . . .
No . . .
It's just the beginning!
Maybe you will destroy my body, Dark! But that *still* won't make you the winner of this fight . . .
My soul will grant new power to the man who comes wielding the Doom Blade . . .

BOOMERANG CLUB

● Arms always looks vacant. Just saying. (Tokyo/Ninden) ● Characters are dropping like flies . . . I hope at least Killy gets to be happy. (Too much to ask?) (Gunma Pref. / Villager Nononn) ● I'm naming that cantaur girl Shiino-chan (since . . . she doesn't have one). (Kitakyushu / Hokuto Minami)

The man who wields the Doom Blade—do you mean the wolfling they call Hush?
Heh heh heh . . . Has the Great Intention sent the fellow to assassinate me . . . ?
No matter what you bastards try, in the end you shall all be as ash and dust!
Eat this! A rending maelstrom of demonic miasma! Fourth-level Demon's Breath!
O ancestors of the Army of Light— may you hear the cries of my soul!
Summoning teleportation— Fourth-level Return!

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The will of the people comes together to bring Light back to the world.

At long last, the next chapter delivers the shocking finale!

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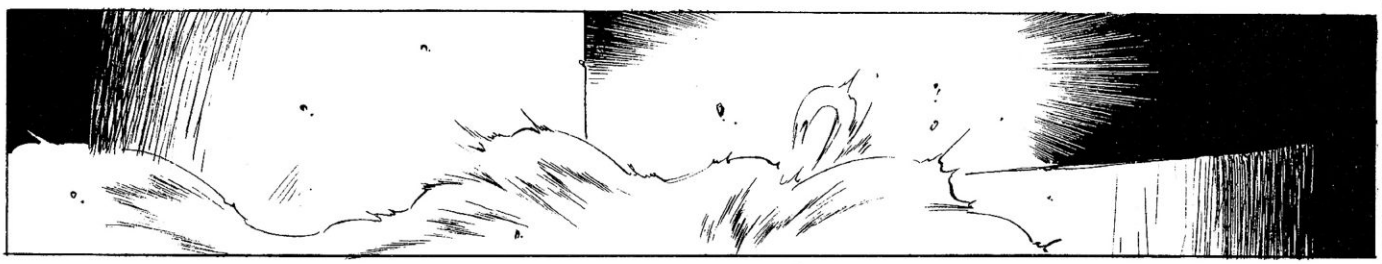
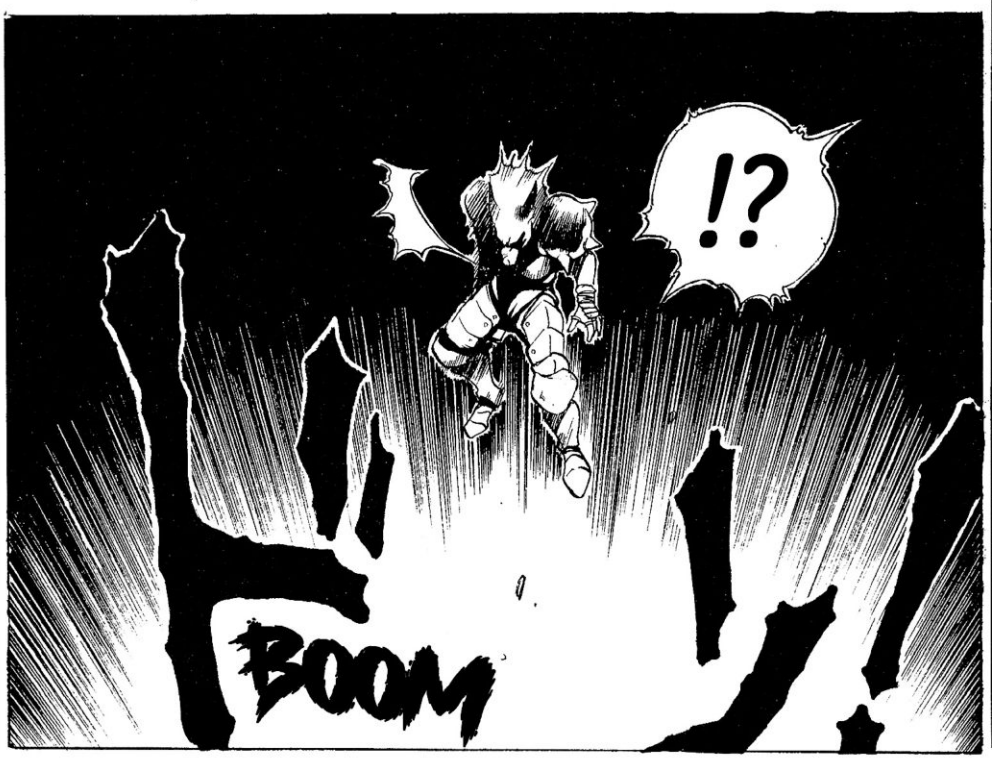
DOOM BLADE
Shining and the Darkness Gaiden
ドゥーム・ブレイド
YOSHITAKA TAMAKI
#21 RETURN
It's Kris . . .
Kris is calling for us . . . !
Huh—!?
O Great Intention!
I ask that you promise me . . . that my death will not be the end . . .
Rrraugh—!
BOOM

◆Though this body may rot, my soul will gain new power as it joins others at the star of destiny. And now—into the source of the Light.

THE STORY SO FAR

By the guidance of the Great Intention, Kris stood opposed to Dark Sol, the warlock of Darkness. The Army of Light from a thousand years ago gave divine protection to Kris, but her destiny was soon to end before the might of Dark Sol's power. Kris intends to use the last of her power to soar to Killy's side and lead the fated warrior into battle.





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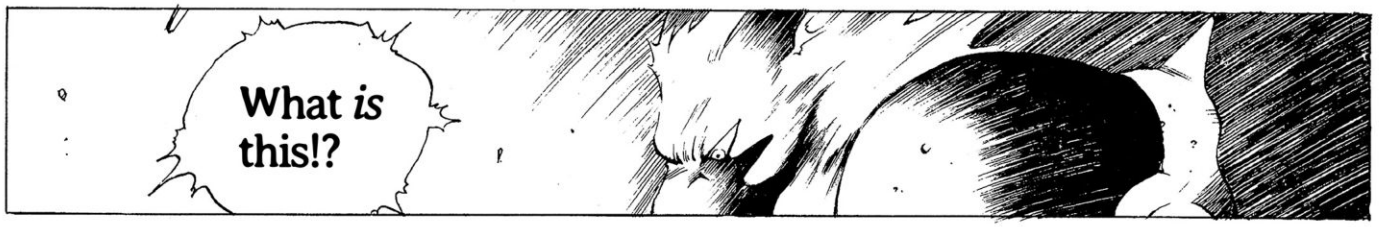
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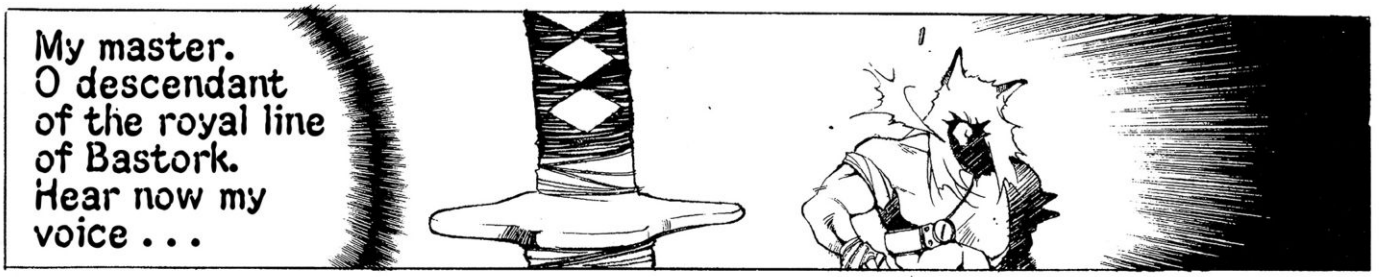
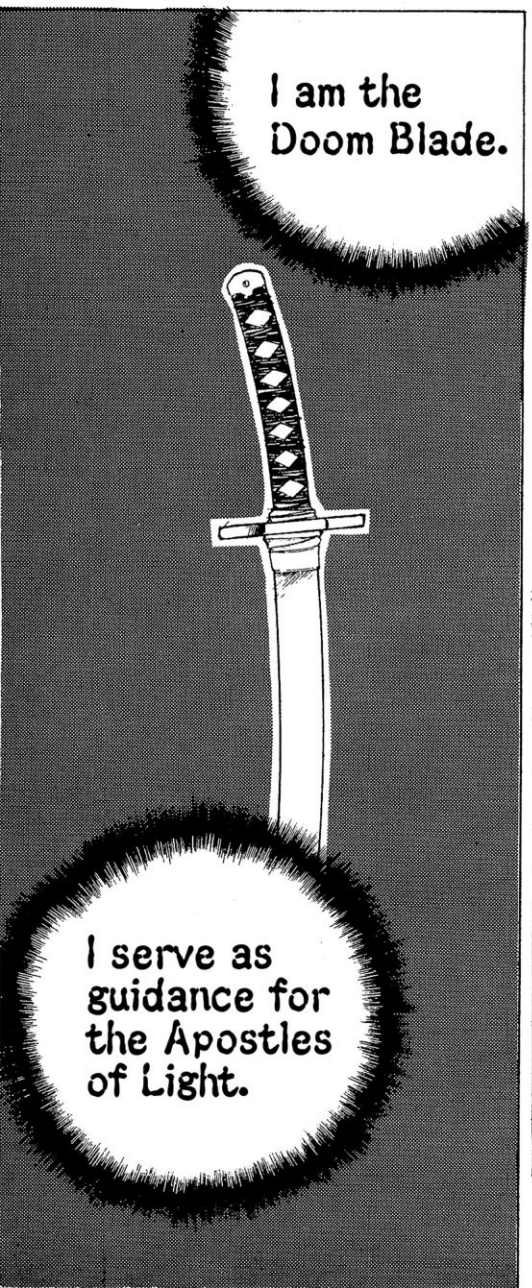
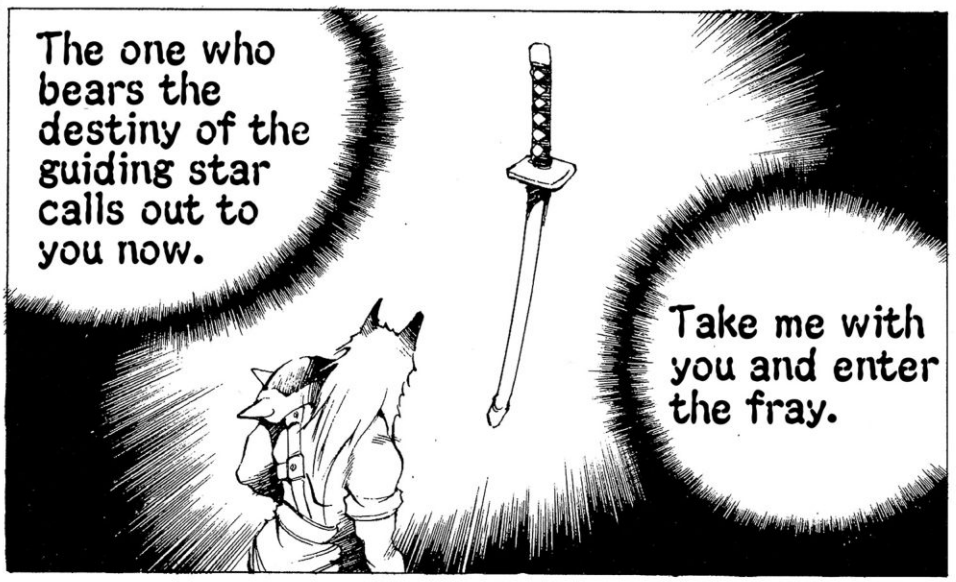

My master. O descendant of the royal line of Bastork. Hear now my voice . . .


I am the Doom Blade.
I serve as guidance for the Apostles of Light.

I know your voice . . . Was that you back in our cell?

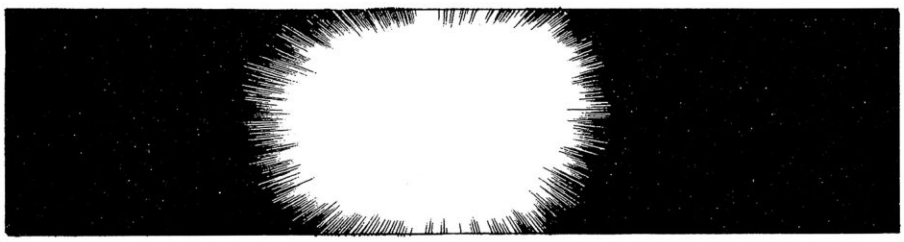

The one who bears the destiny of the guiding star calls out to you now.
Take me with you and enter the fray.

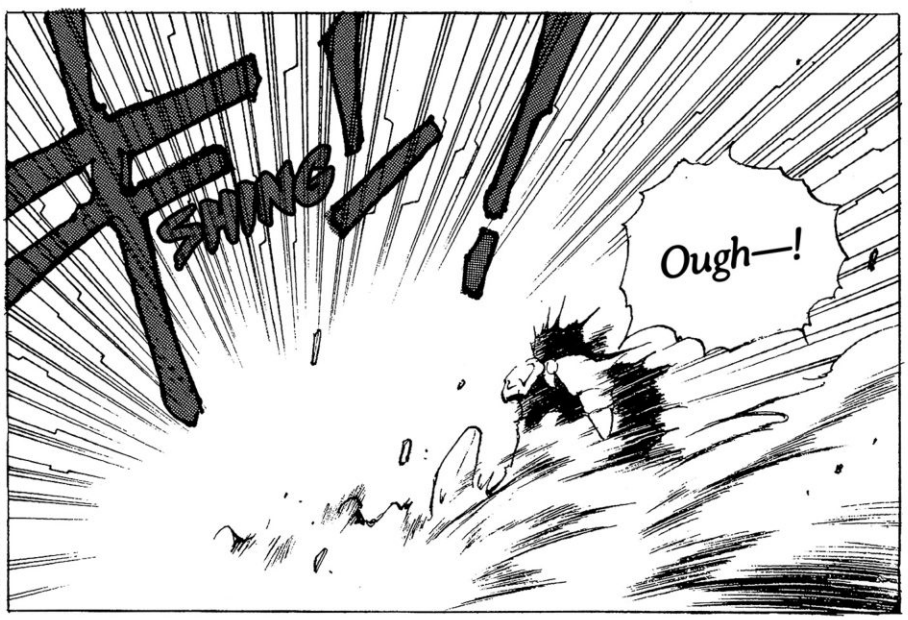
Killy . . .
POOF...
!?

I really am going to have to ask you to go and face your destiny.
The future warriors of Light will carry the weight of the world to come, but you have to help them do it . . .
Then who are these warriors of Light?
You'll run into them soon enough.
It'll be your destiny to guide them.
!?
The way you're seeing them now is how they'll look in another ten years.
They're the ones who are destined to fight against the king of Darkness in the land of Storm.

TAMAKI CATCH-UP

Before I could even realize it, *Doom Blade* had already run for over a year. First of all, I want to thank all of my readers—both those who gave me their support and those who gave me grief. If any of my drawings should happen to catch your eye again, I hope you'll give them another chance. Thank you all so very much. (Yoshitaka Tamaki, 玉木美孝)





BOOZER CLUB

● Since its serialization has lasted more than a year, it definitely should get published in a single edition. I believe in you, Tokuma Shoten!! (Ibaraki Pref. / Tomonori Kosakai) ● It looks like next time things are going to have to wrap up pretty quickly. Gotta admit, I'm a little worried . . . (Shimizu / Charlie Jun) ● Is this really going to be the last chapter? Thank you so much for all your hard work, Tamaki-sensei. (Gunma Pref. / Fine Nononn)

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I've been *waiting for you*— O destined one!
So *you're* the wretched king of Darkness!?
I'm not going to cave to the powers of Darkness! *Even if it leads me to my dying breath!*
HAH
Then the time has come to make you grasp the weakness of the Great Intention!
And ten years hence, in the land of Storm, a story of Light and Darkness begins . . .
To be continued in SHINING AND THE DARKNESS . . .

Thank you so much for sticking with *Doom Blade* after all this time.

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